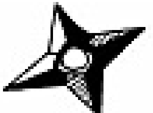

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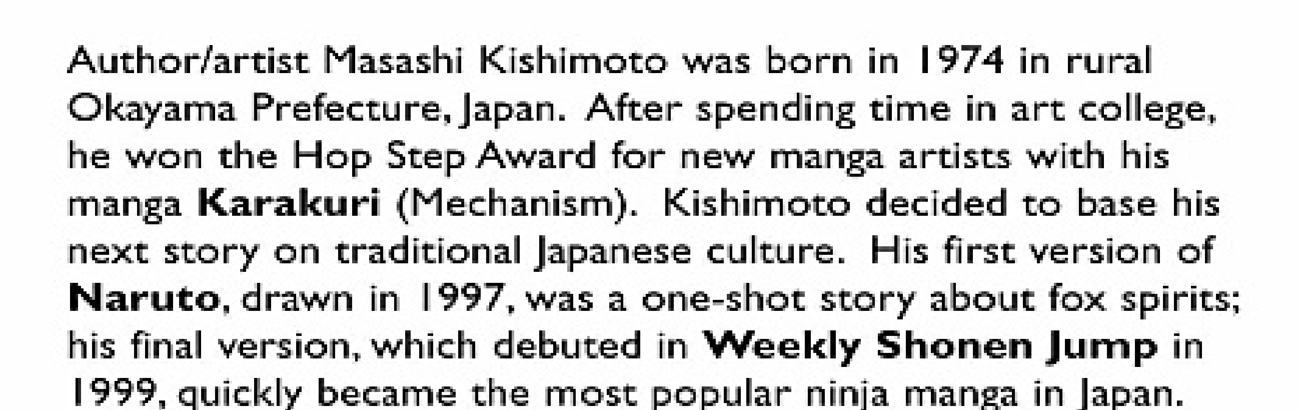




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My favorite video games are from the old floppy disc system software that was sold such a long time ago. Now, those games are being re-released as retro games for the Game Boy. They're so ridiculous that they're irresistible!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2004



Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

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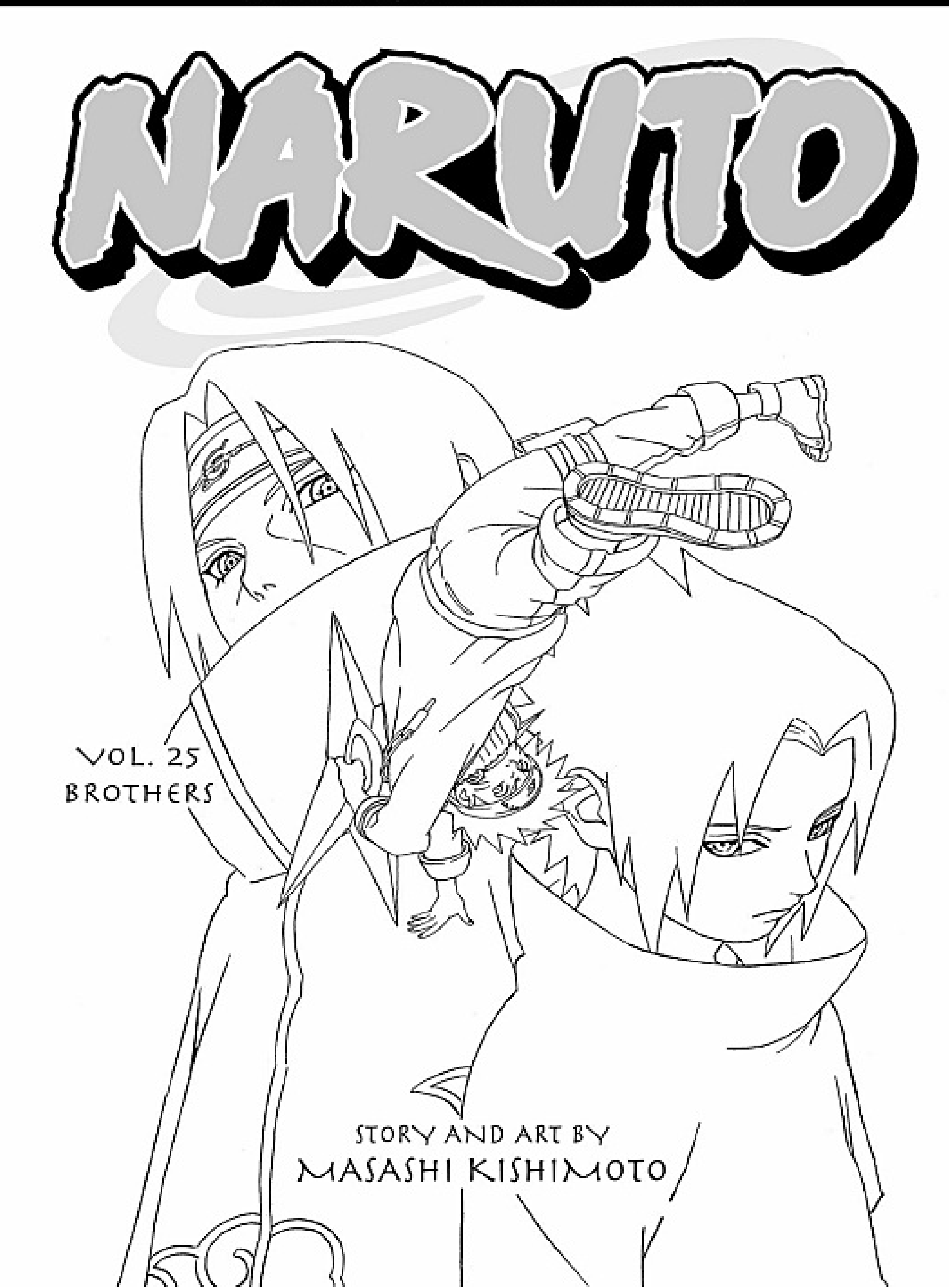




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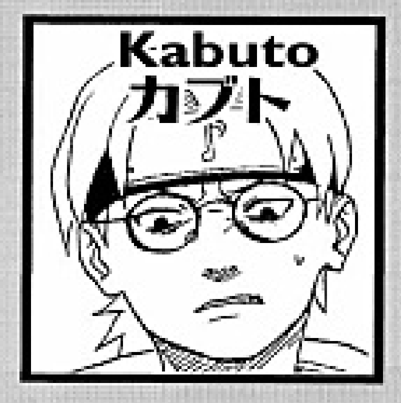
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The Story So Far…

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally became a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. During the Chûnin Exams, Orochimaru launched a surprise attack, *Operation Destroy Konoha*, during which the Third Hokage sacrificed his own life to save the village.

Tsunade becomes the Fifth Hokage as a confused Sasuke leaves Konohagakure with the Sound Ninja Four. Shikamaru and his team pursue Sasuke and end up facing-off against the Sound Four, only to be saved by Gaara. Now, Naruto has finally caught up to the renegade Sasuke…

CHARACTERS

Sasuke
サスケ

Naruto
ナルト

Sakura
サクラ

Itachi
イタチ

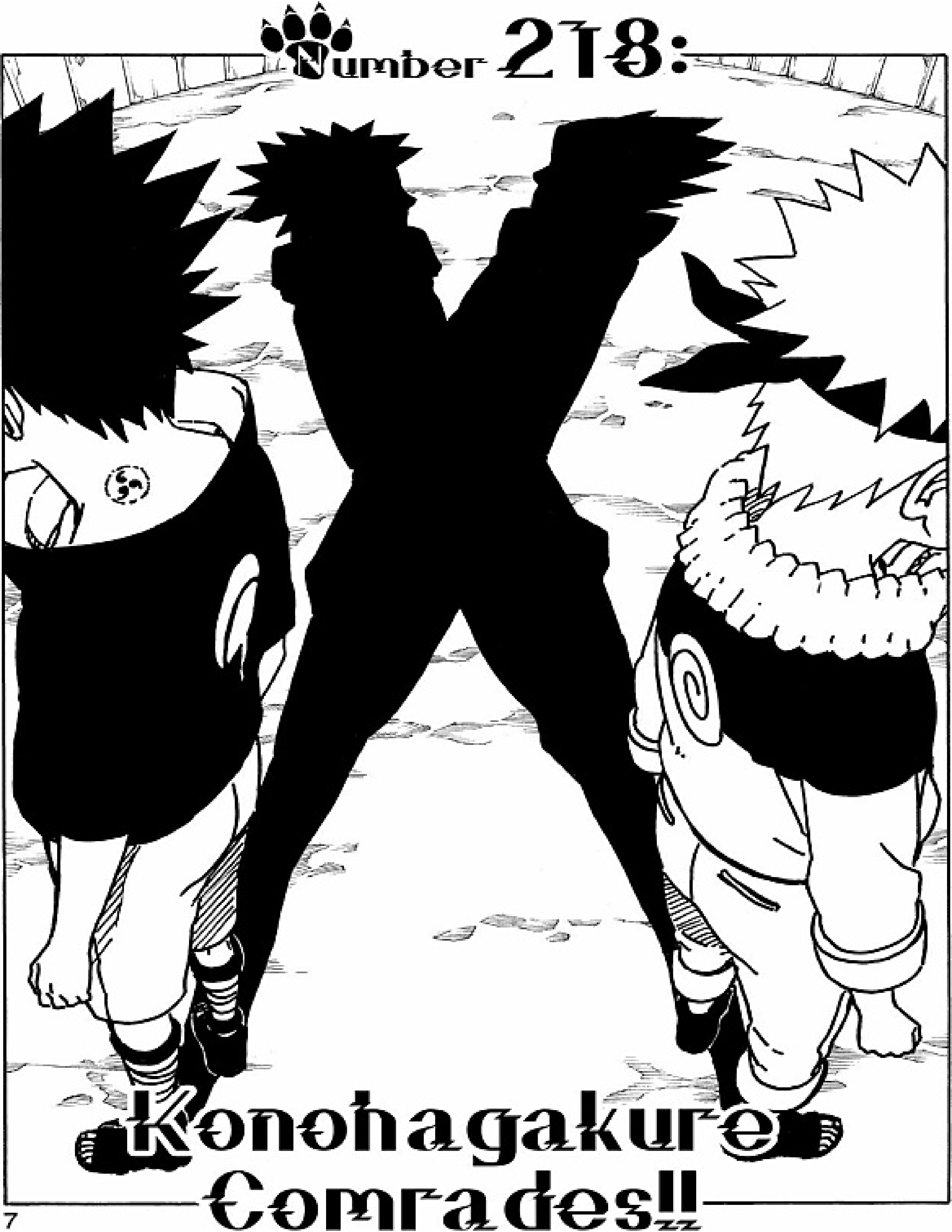


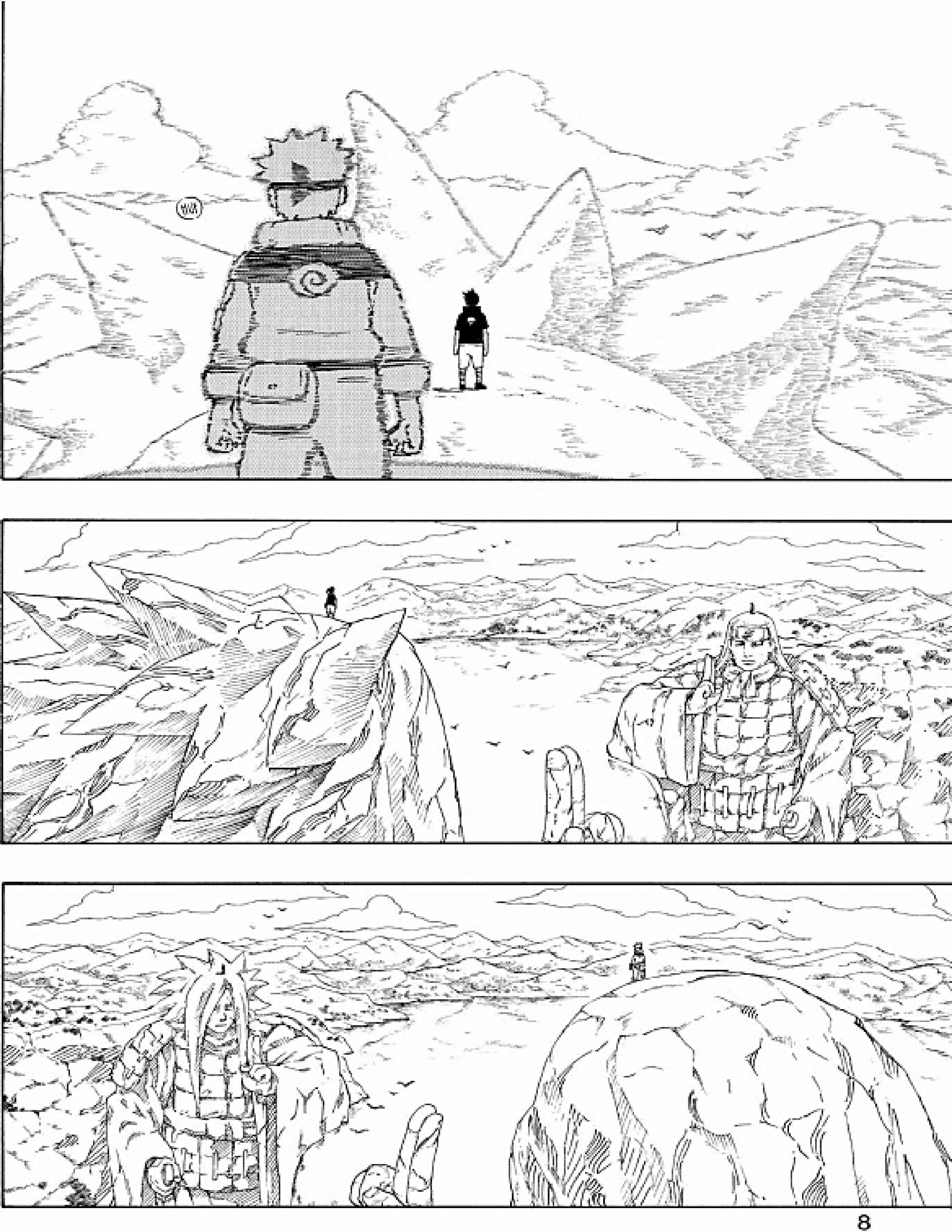
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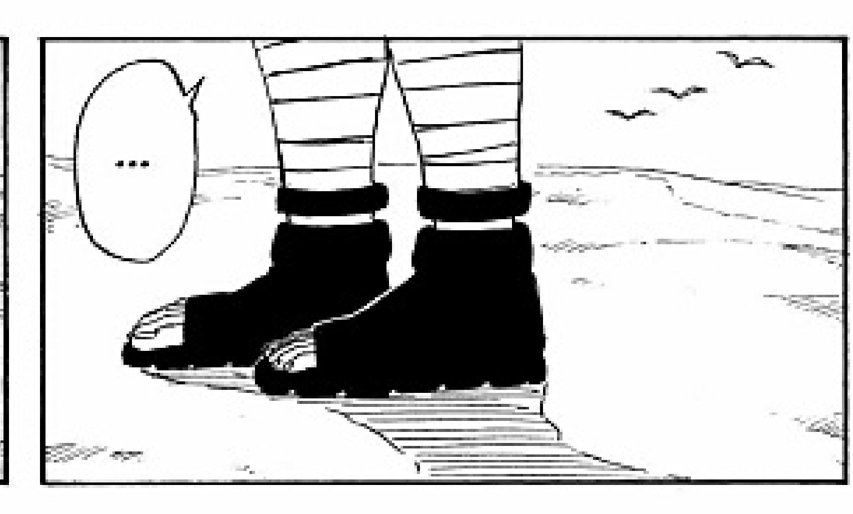
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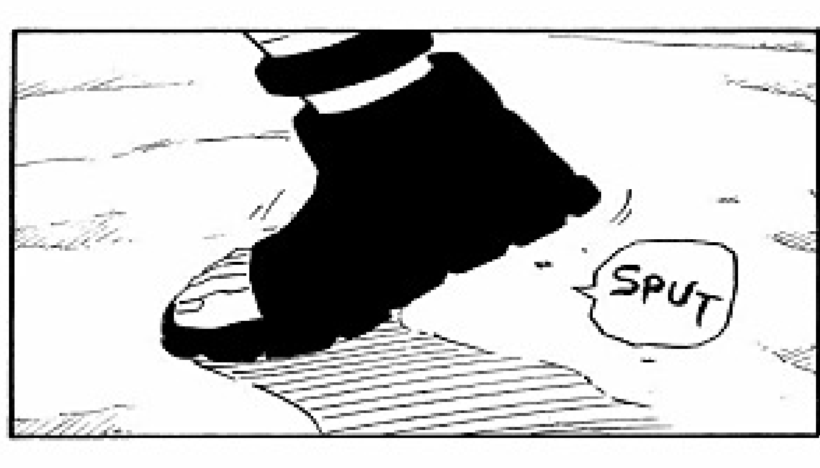



READ
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...


SHF


YOU'RE RUNNING OFF?!


SPUT


SHF






HEY.
SCREW-UP.

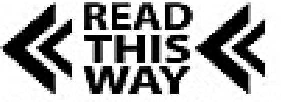

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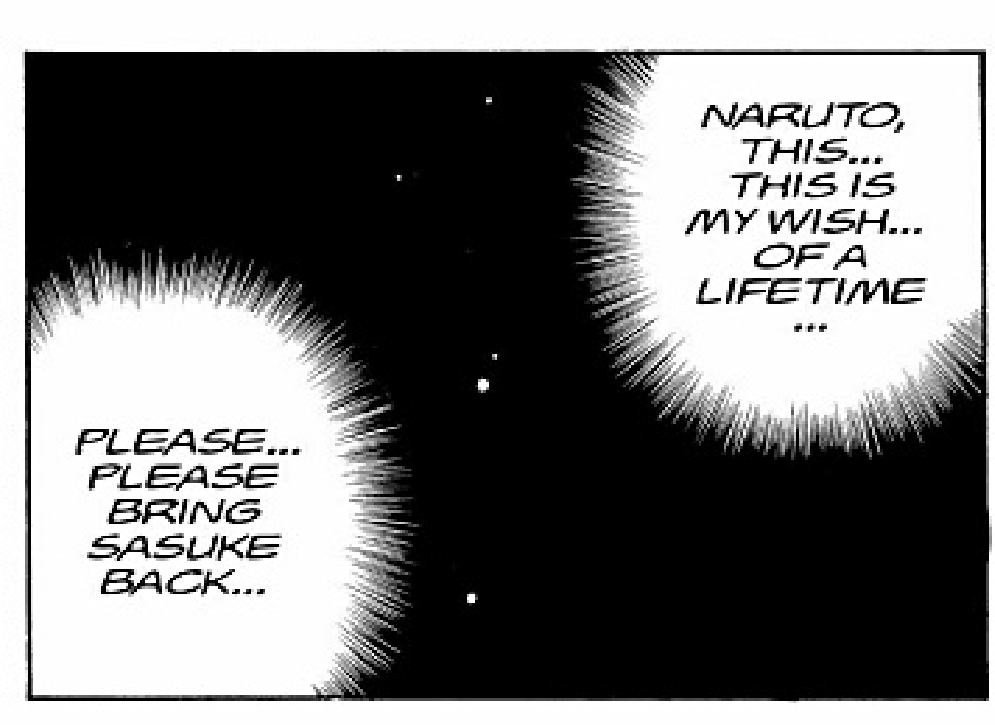

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I COULDN'T DO IT!
I... I COULDN'T STOP HIM!


SO NOW... NOW THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN... STOP HIM...
...SAVE HIM... IS YOU.


JUST... YOU, NARUTO.


READ THIS WAY

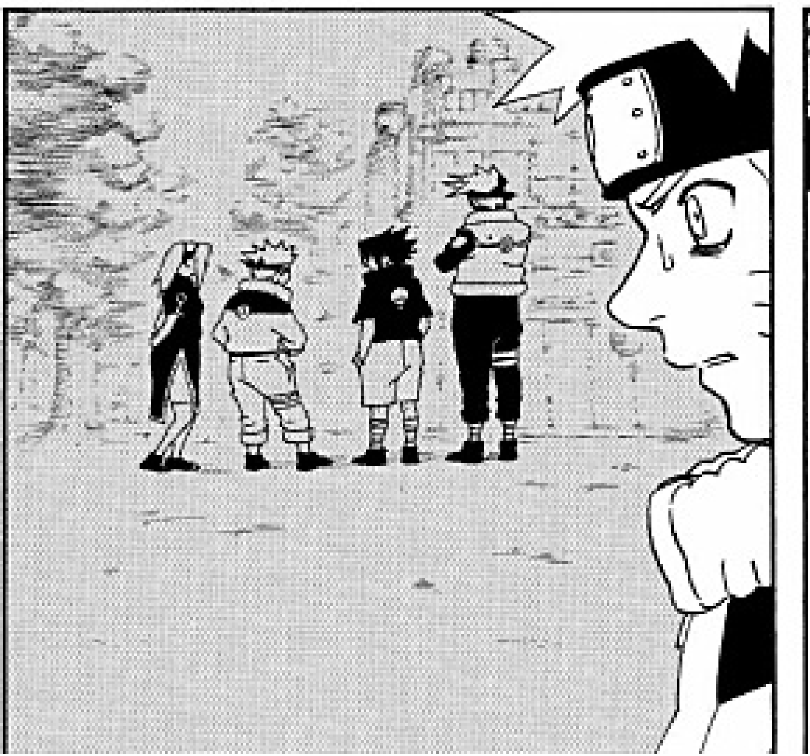

NARUTO, THIS... THIS IS MY WISH... OF A LIFETIME ...
PLEASE... PLEASE BRING SASUKE BACK...

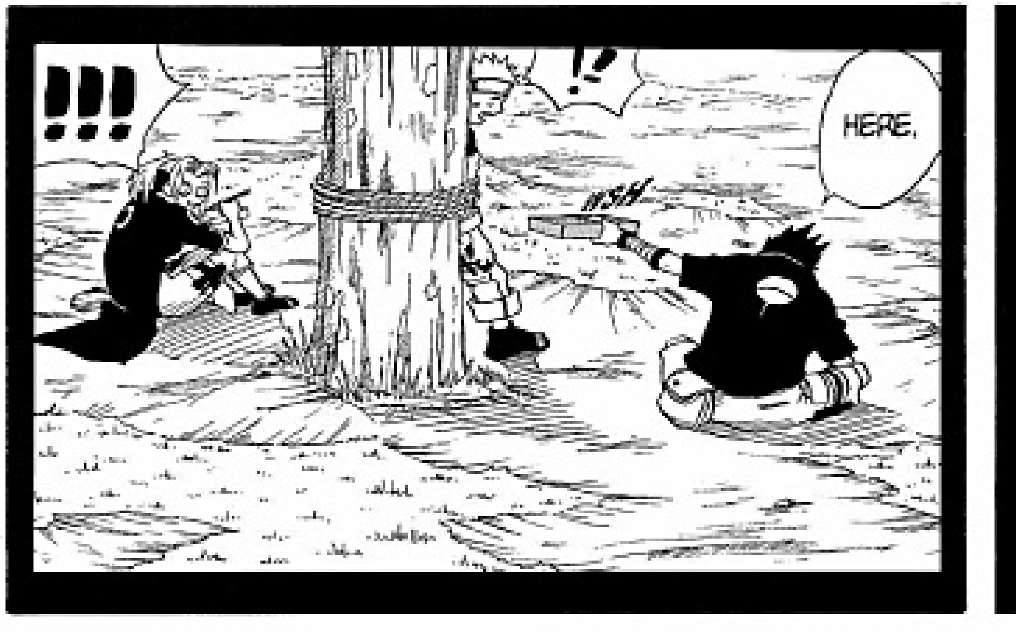

LIKE I ALREADY TOLD SAKURA ...
...LEAVE ME ALONE...


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HEH HEH... HEH...
WHAT? WHAT'S THAT LOOK FOR...?

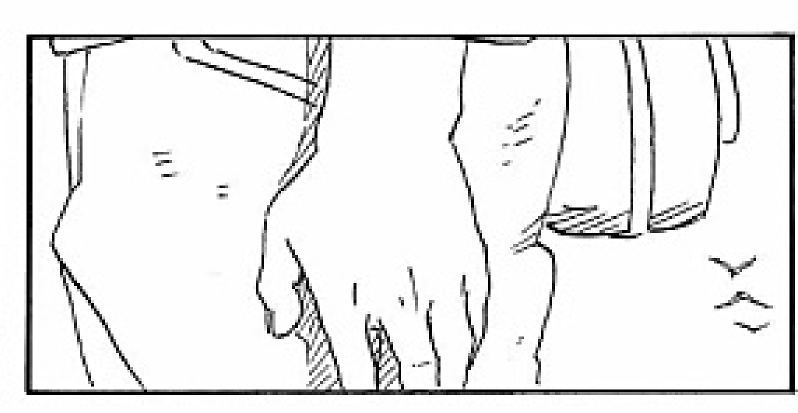

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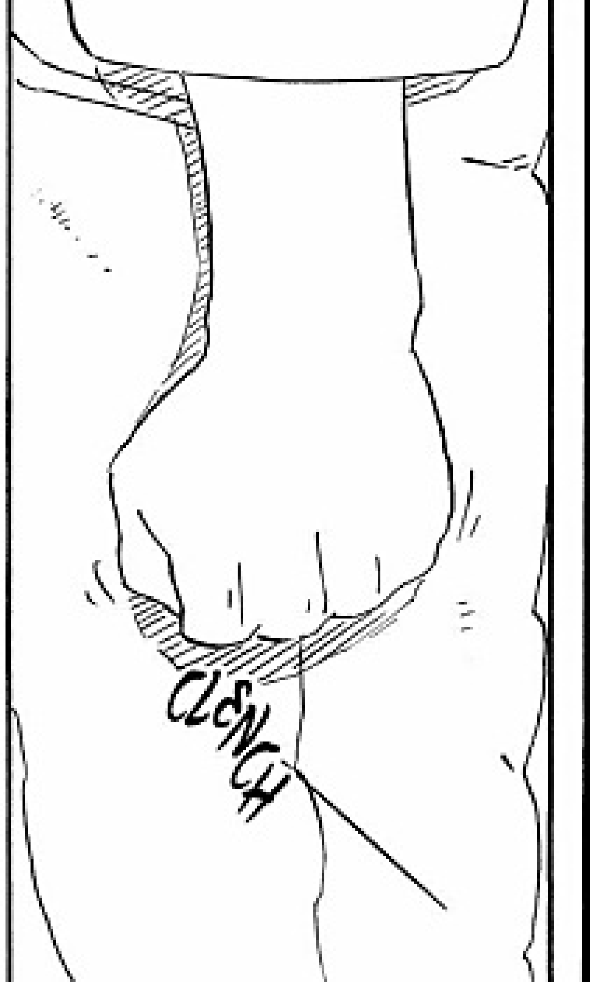



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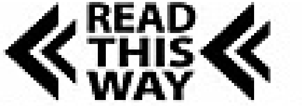

HMM..
JUST DON'T DRAG ME DOWN ...


WH..
WHAT DID SAKURA SAY TO YOU...?

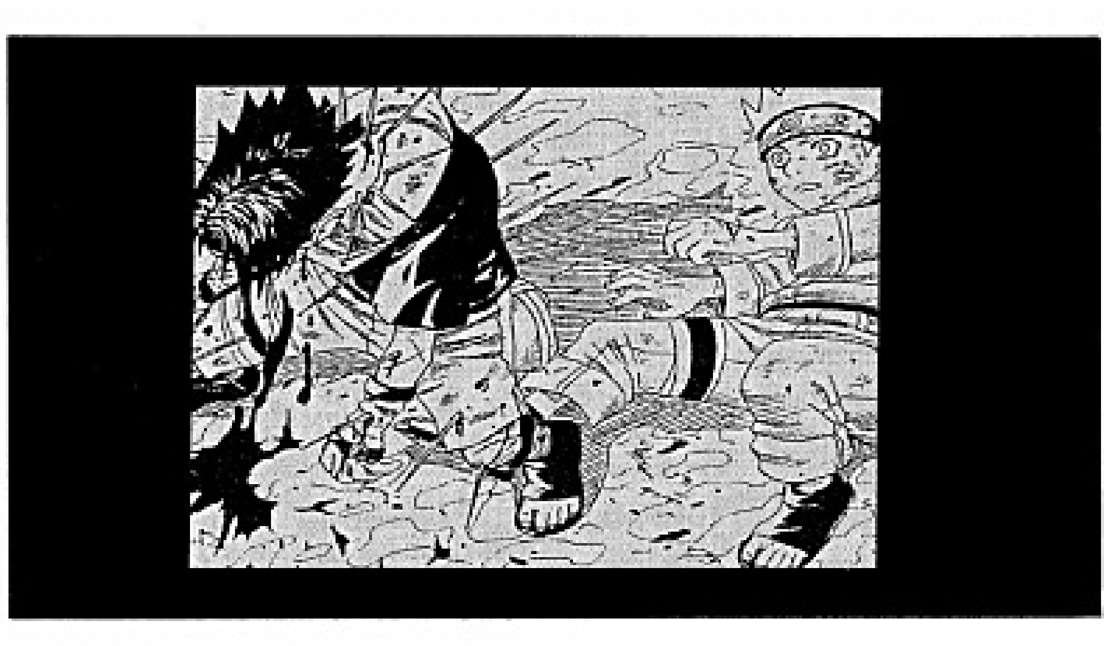



CLENCH


WANT TO HEAD BACK?
SURE!!


READ THIS WAY


NOW GET THAT LAME EXPRESSION OFF YOUR STUPID FACE...
...YOU SCREW-UP!

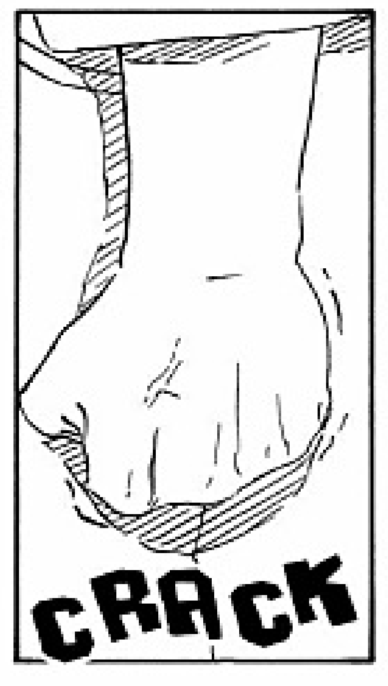



YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST MINDED YOUR OWN BUSINESS!!


...HOW SHOULD I KNOW...?
MY BODY JUST... MOVED... ON ITS OWN... FOOL...!


KRAK

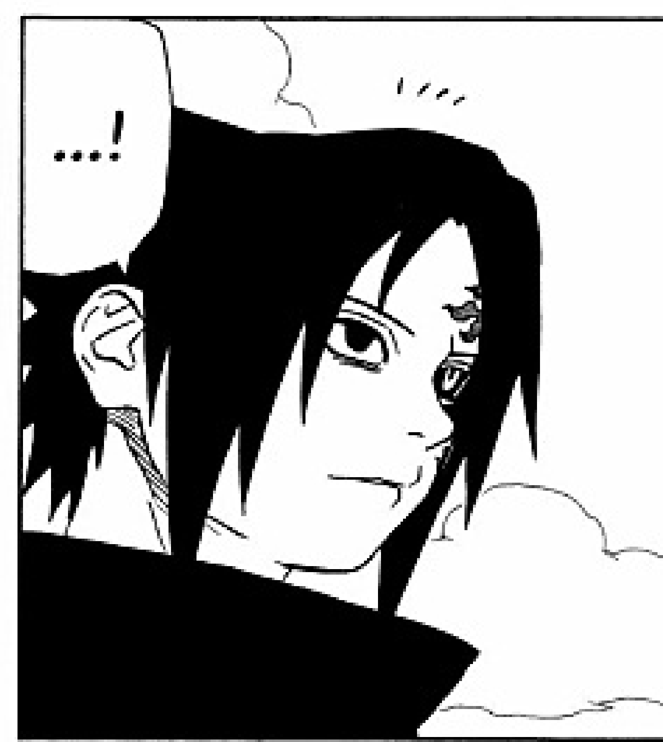

I'VE ALREADY LOST EVERYTHING ONCE BEFORE...
I DON'T EVER WANT TO WATCH MY PRECIOUS COMRADES DIE IN FRONT OF ME AGAIN...

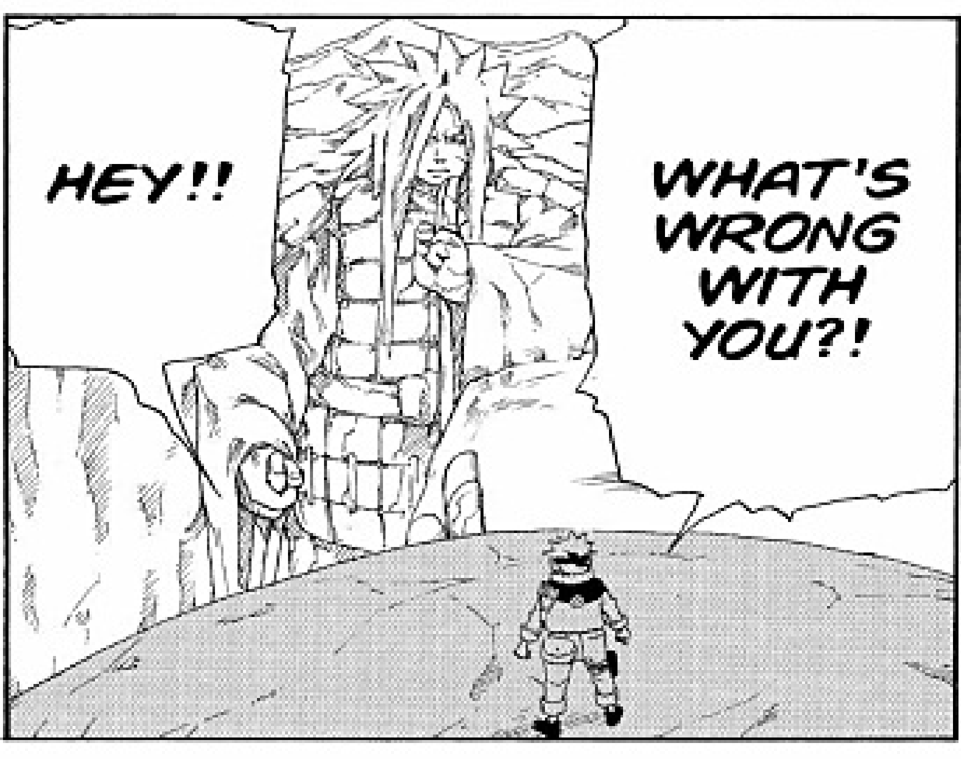

CRACK


WHY ...?
CRACK

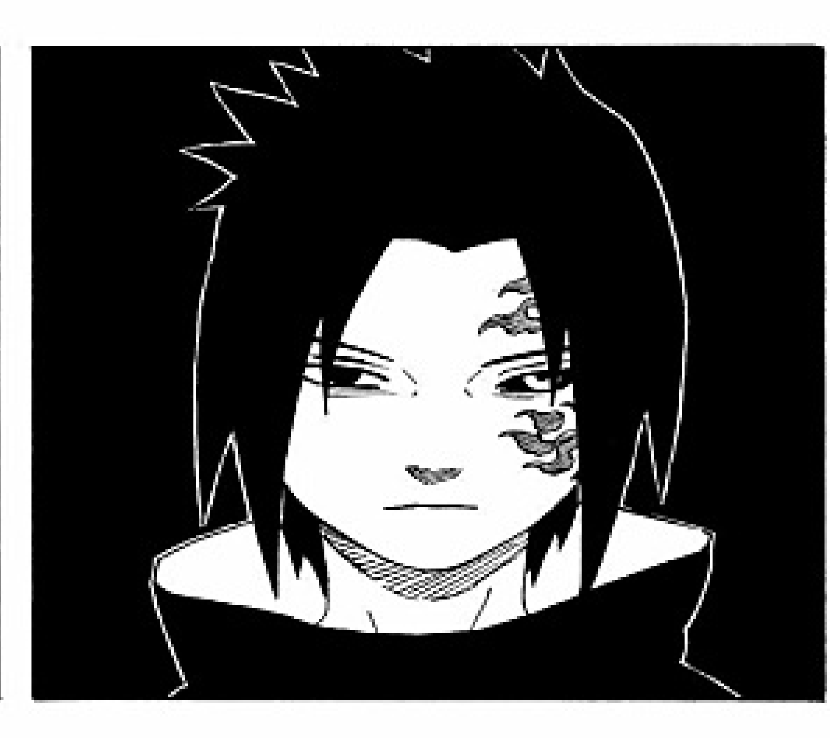
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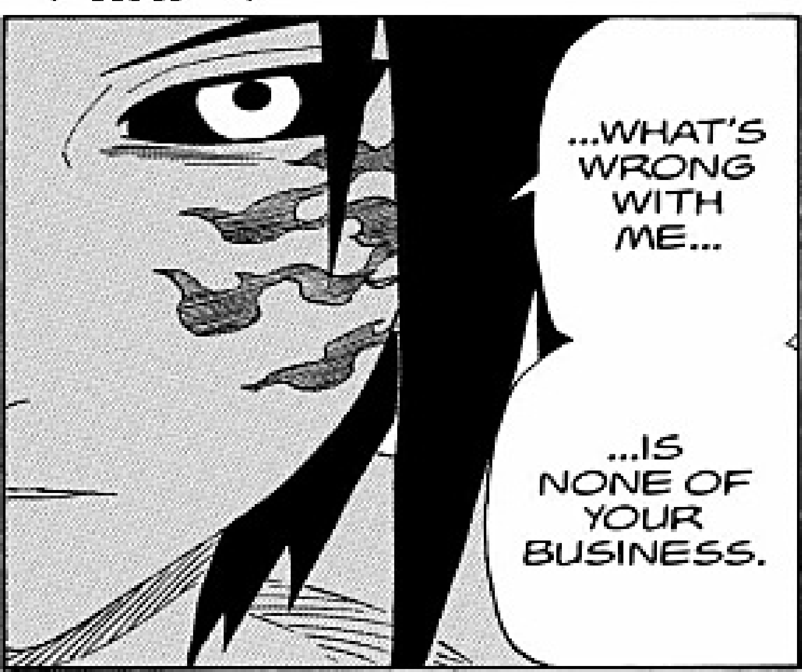
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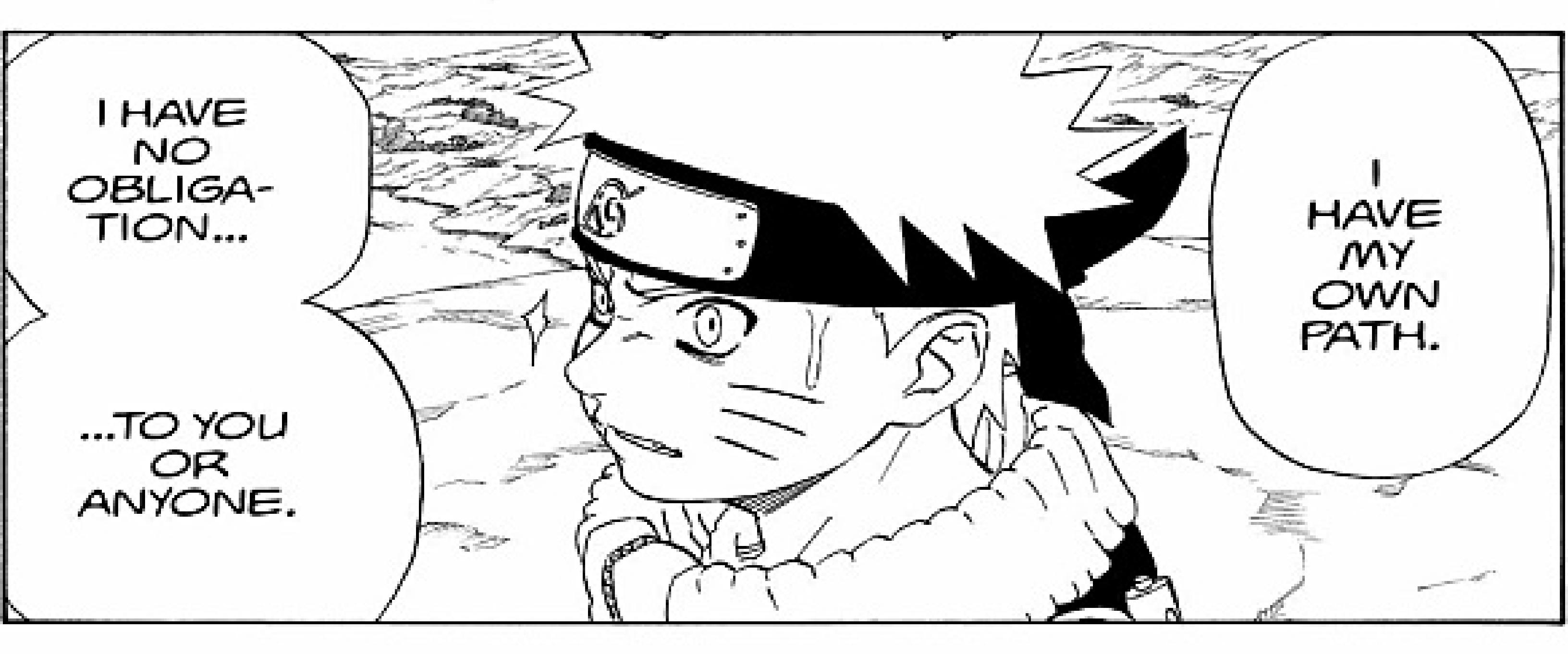





READ
THIS
WAY




...WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME...
...IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.


I HAVE MY OWN PATH.
I HAVE NO OBLIGATION...
...TO YOU OR ANYONE.


...


LET ME MAKE THIS CLEAR...




GO HOME.
I'M DONE PLAYING AROUND WITH THE KONOHA-GAKURE CROWD.
...
...!

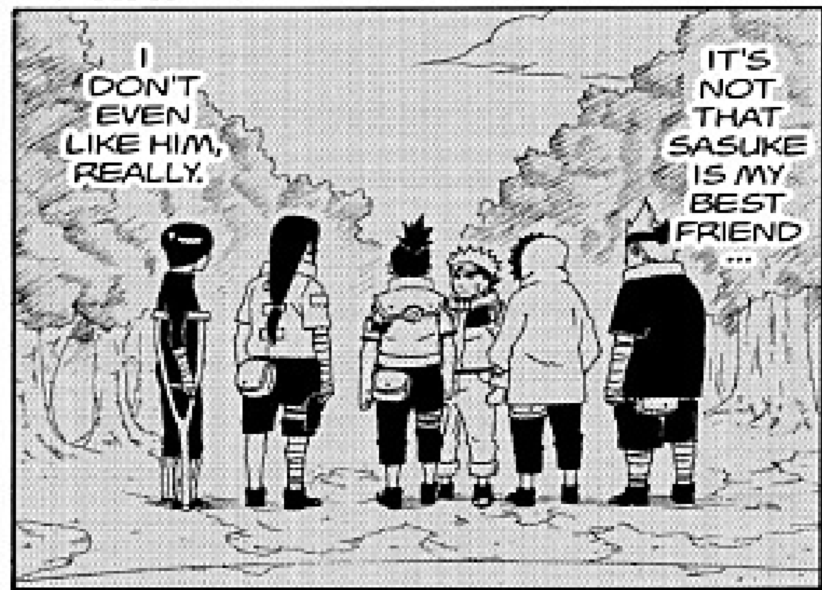

...AND...?
SHF




CHOJI... NEJI... KIBA... SHIKAMARU... AND BUSHY BROWS...
...THEY RISKED THEIR LIVES FOR YOU...


READ THIS WAY


LET ME TELL YOU THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.


IT'S NOT THAT SASUKE IS MY BEST FRIEND ...
I DON'T EVEN LIKE HIM, REALLY.


BUT LIKE US, SASUKE IS A SHINOBI OF KONOHAGAKURE.
HE IS OUR COMRADE!
THEREFORE I WILL STAKE MY LIFE TO RESCUE HIM.
THAT'S THE KONOHA WAY.




!




DOES KONOHA MEAN NOTHING TO YOU?!
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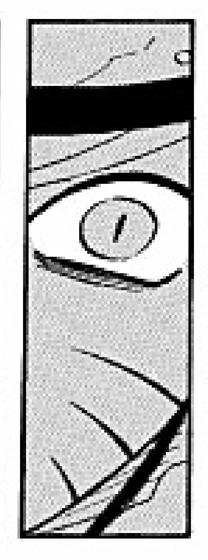
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WHAM









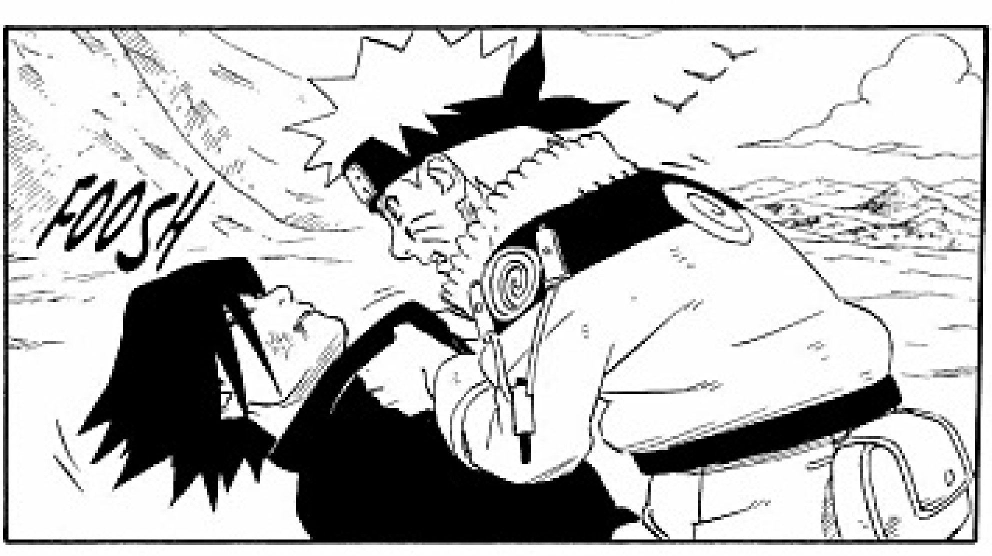



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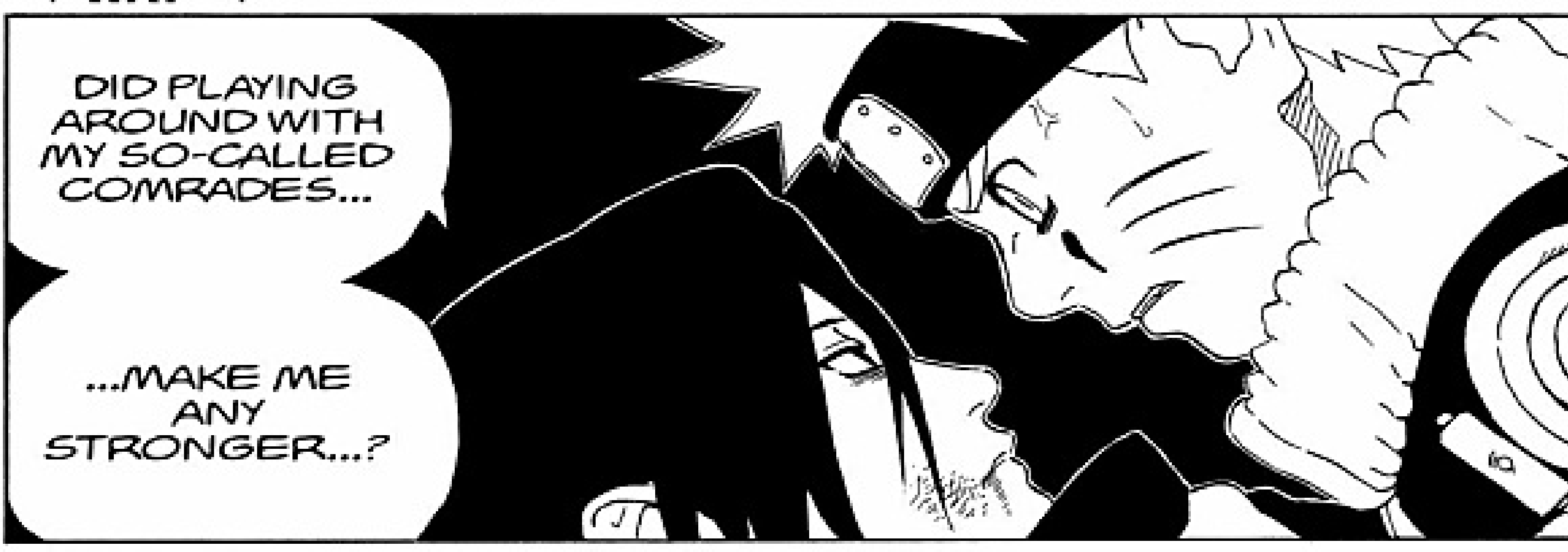
PTUI

HUF
HUF
HUF

PLIT
!

SHMP

FOOSH


READ
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WAY


DID PLAYING AROUND WITH MY SO-CALLED COMRADES...
...MAKE ME ANY STRONGER...?


...?!


I'M GOING TO OROCHI-MARU!

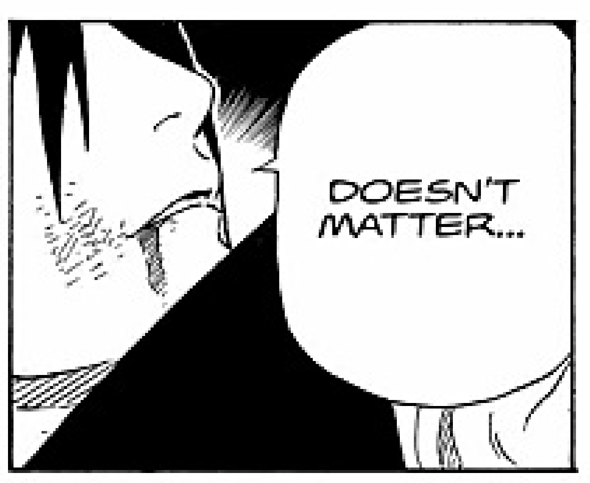

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OROCHIMARU KILLED THE THIRD HOKAGE AND TRIED TO DESTROY KONOHA!!
DO YOU THINK HE'S GONNA JUST GIVE YOU POWER FOR FREE?!

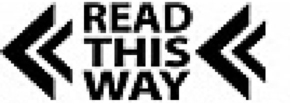

HE WANTS YOU FOR A HOST BODY!!
YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO COME BACK!
YOU MIGHT BE KILLED!


YOU THINK I'M JUST GONNA LET YOU GO?!

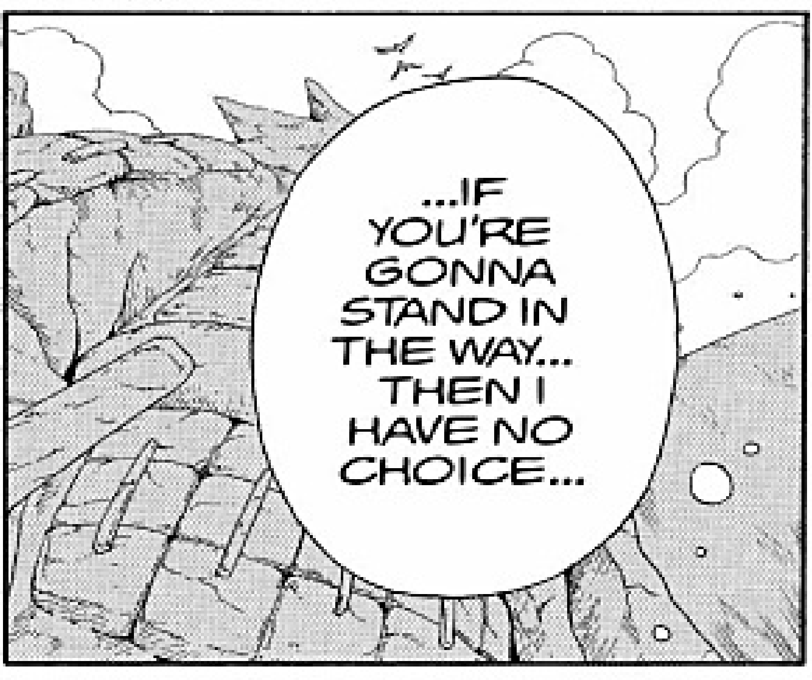



DOESN'T MATTER...


...!!









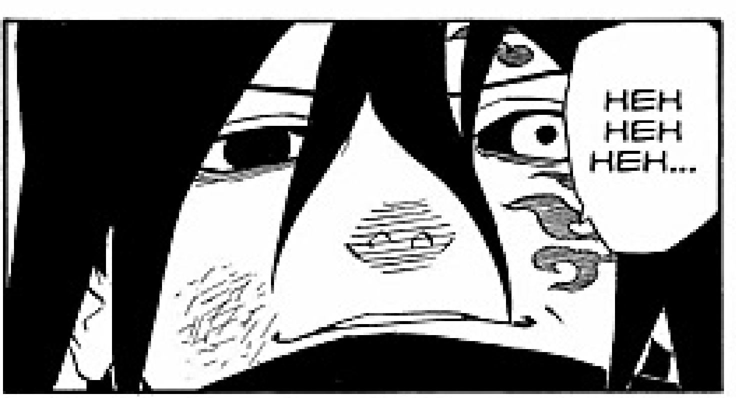
YOU CAN'T DO THIS!

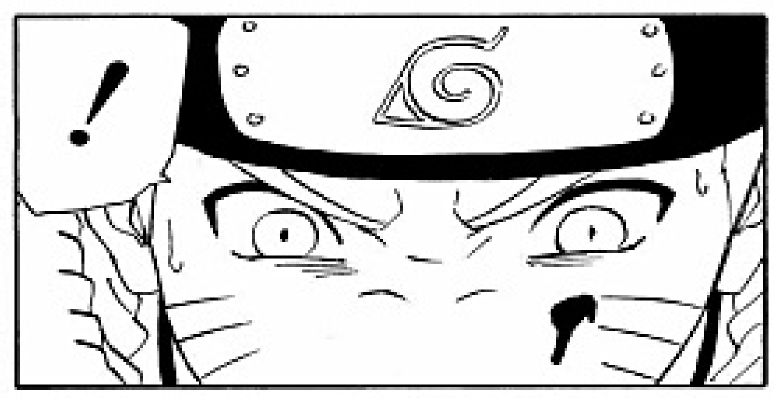
I'LL TAKE YOU BACK BY FORCE IF I HAVE TO!!


NARUTO
TM

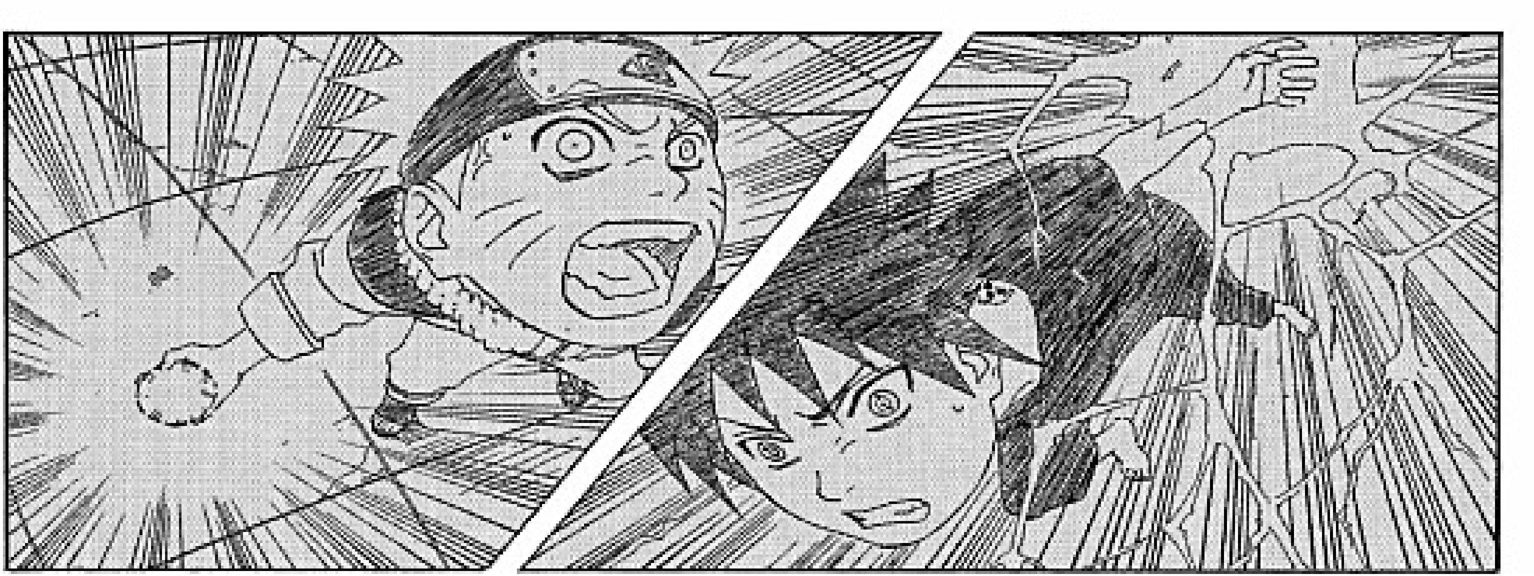

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Future and Past


HEH HEH...

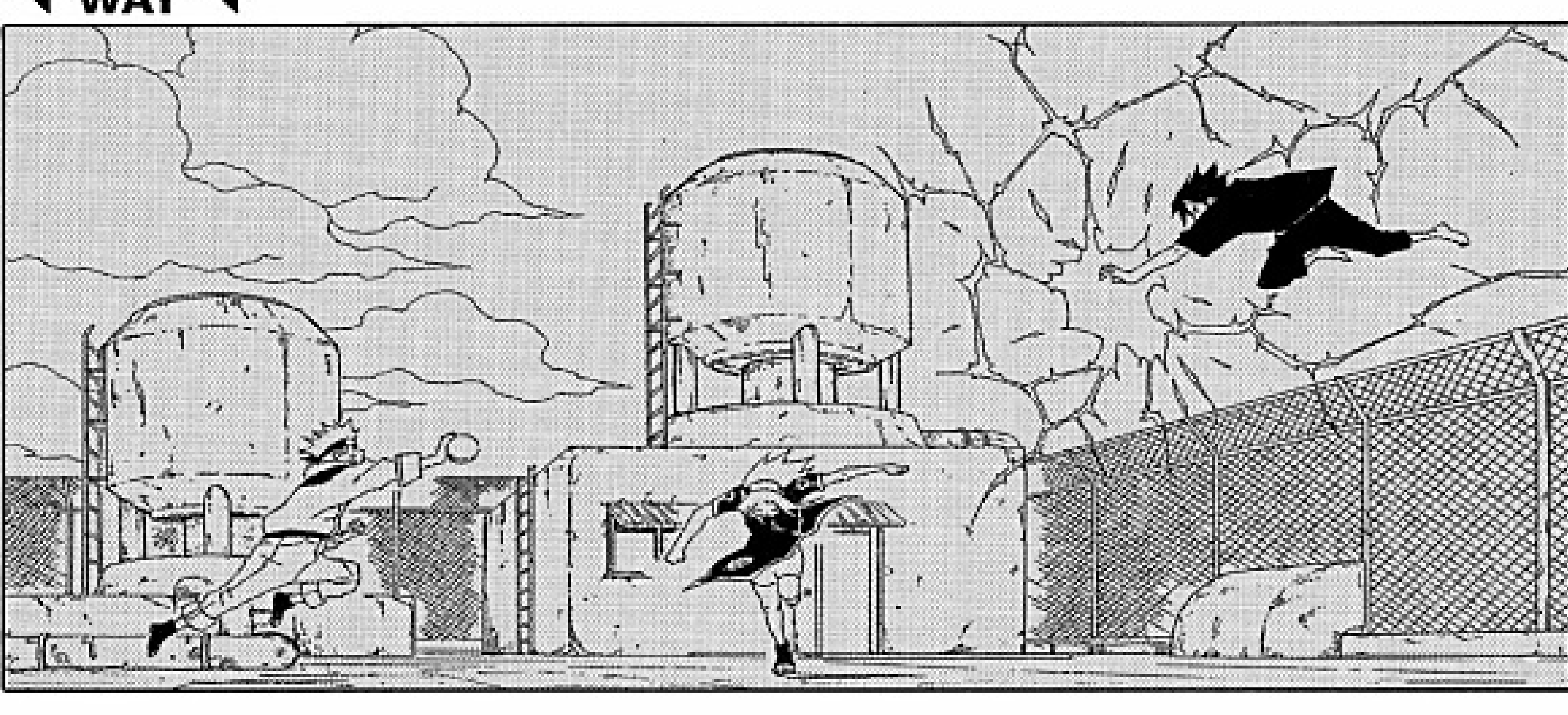

HEH HEH HEH...


!


FSH
SH

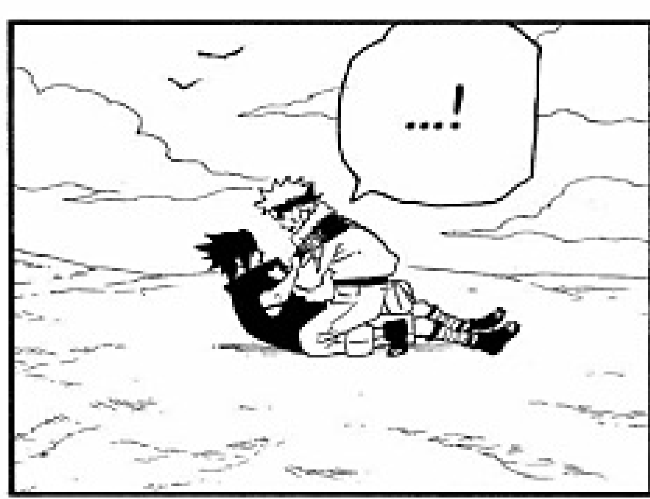



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WAY

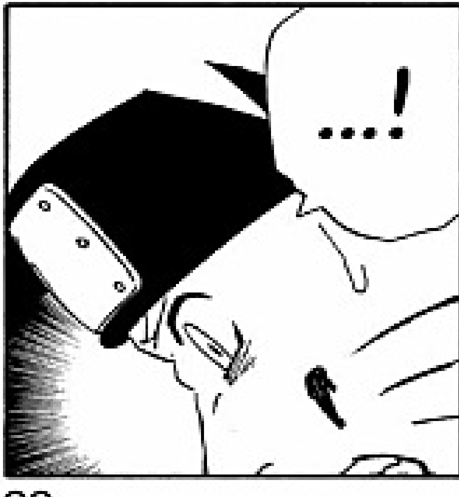




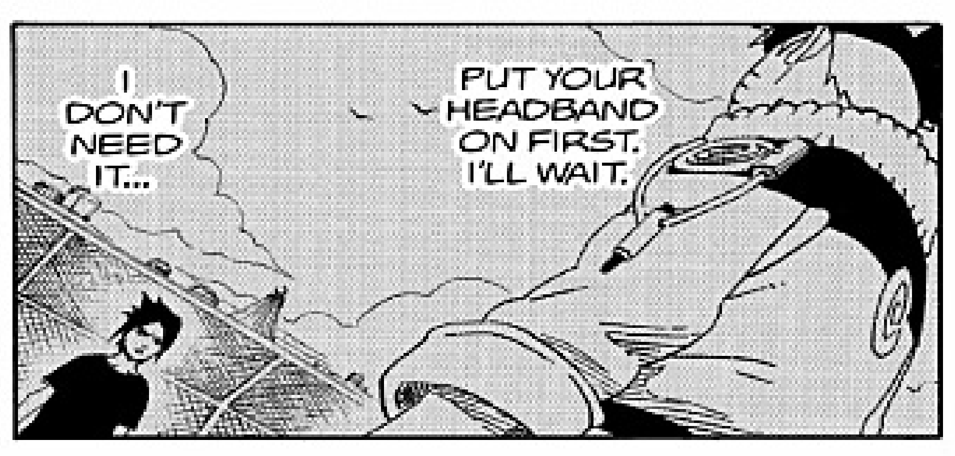

COME TO THINK OF IT...


...!


...WE WERE INTER-RUPTED LAST TIME.

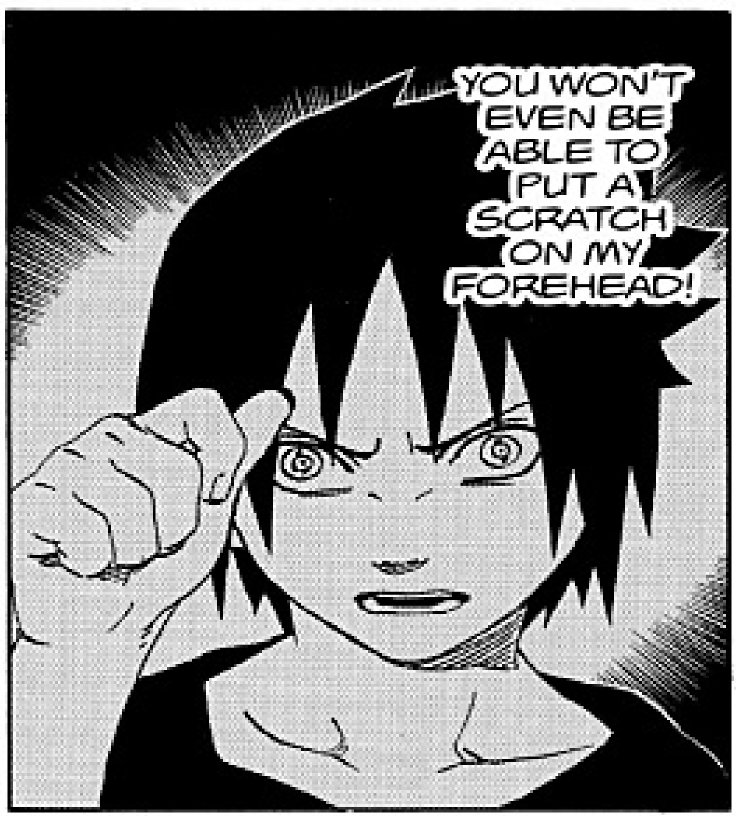

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SHUT UP AND BRING IT!

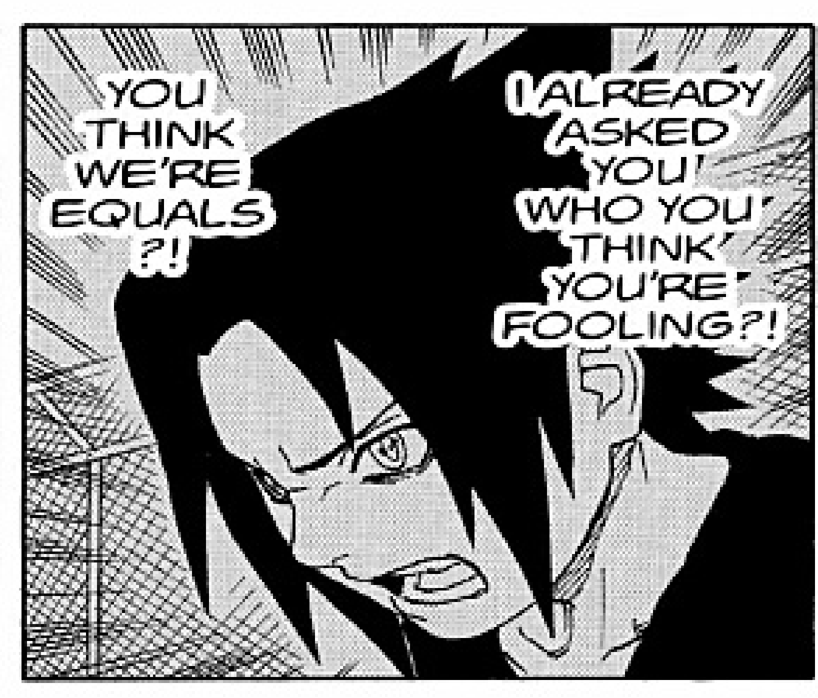




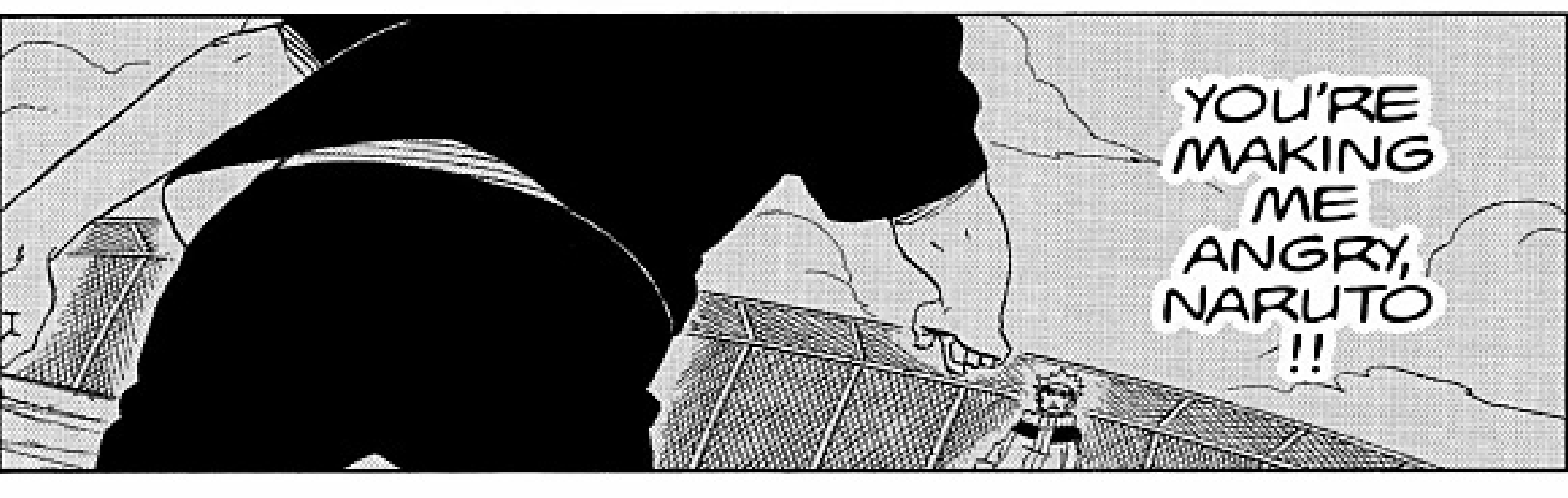





READ THIS WAY


I ALREADY ASKED YOU! WHO YOU THINK YOU'RE FOOLING?!
YOU THINK WE'RE EQUALS ?!


YEAH, I DO !!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AS GOOD AS YOU!


YOU'RE MAKING ME ANGRY, NARUTO !!

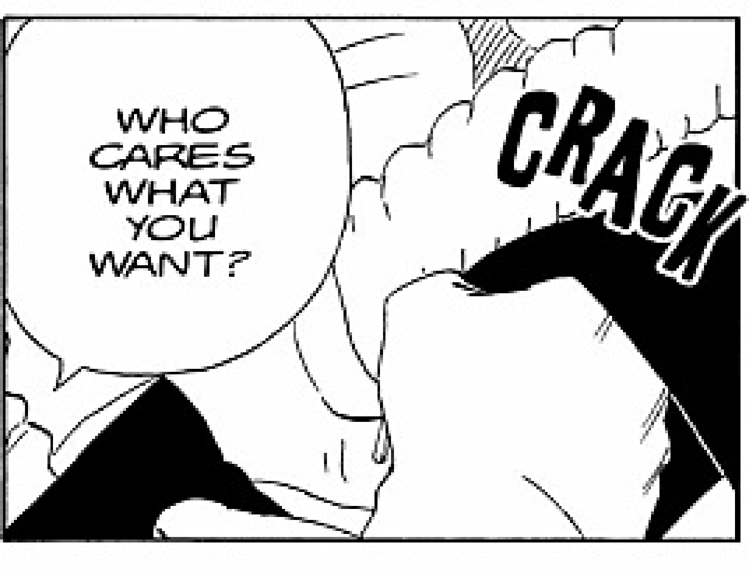

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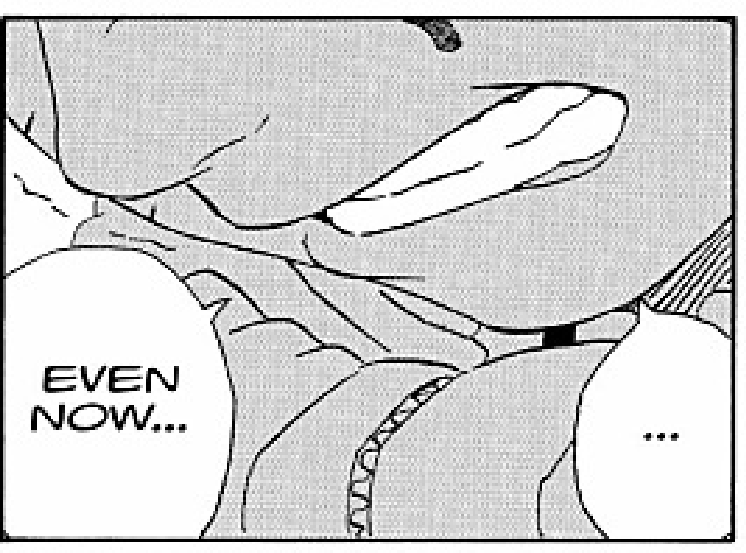

...THAT...



...

THAT WASN'T MY CHOICE.












URK...
CRACK
SHA
!
SHOOF
HWUP


WH A!! M
PWISH
KRAK
PWISH
KRIK
ARGH!!
RUMBLE

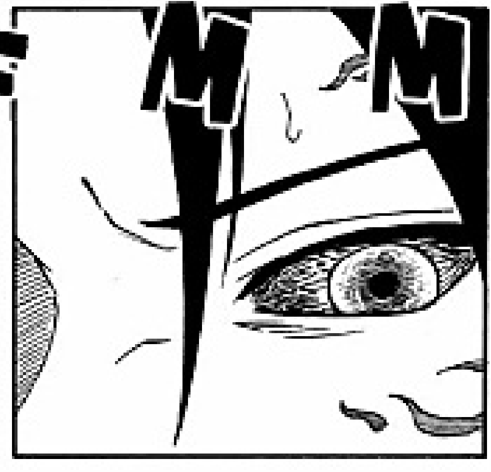

READ THIS WAY
RUMBL
SPLAK
RUMMBLE
OOF...
AGH!!
FOOM
FOOM

...


UGH...
ZING

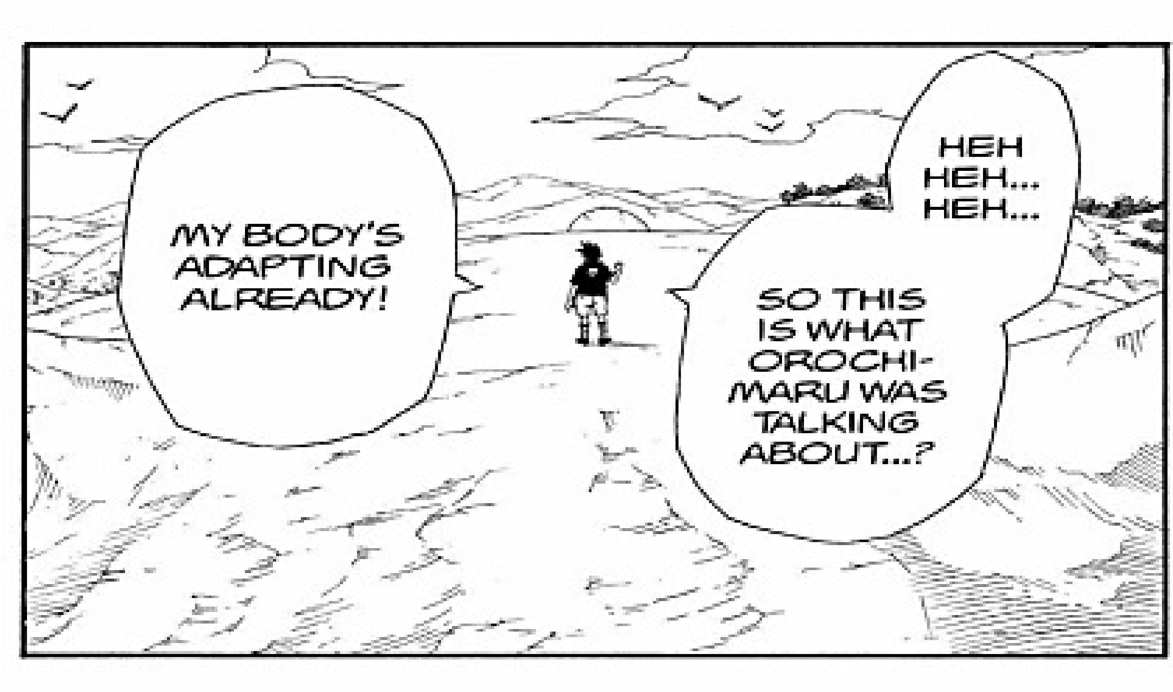

THIS POWER... SURGING INSIDE ME...
...WHAT IS... THIS POWER ...?


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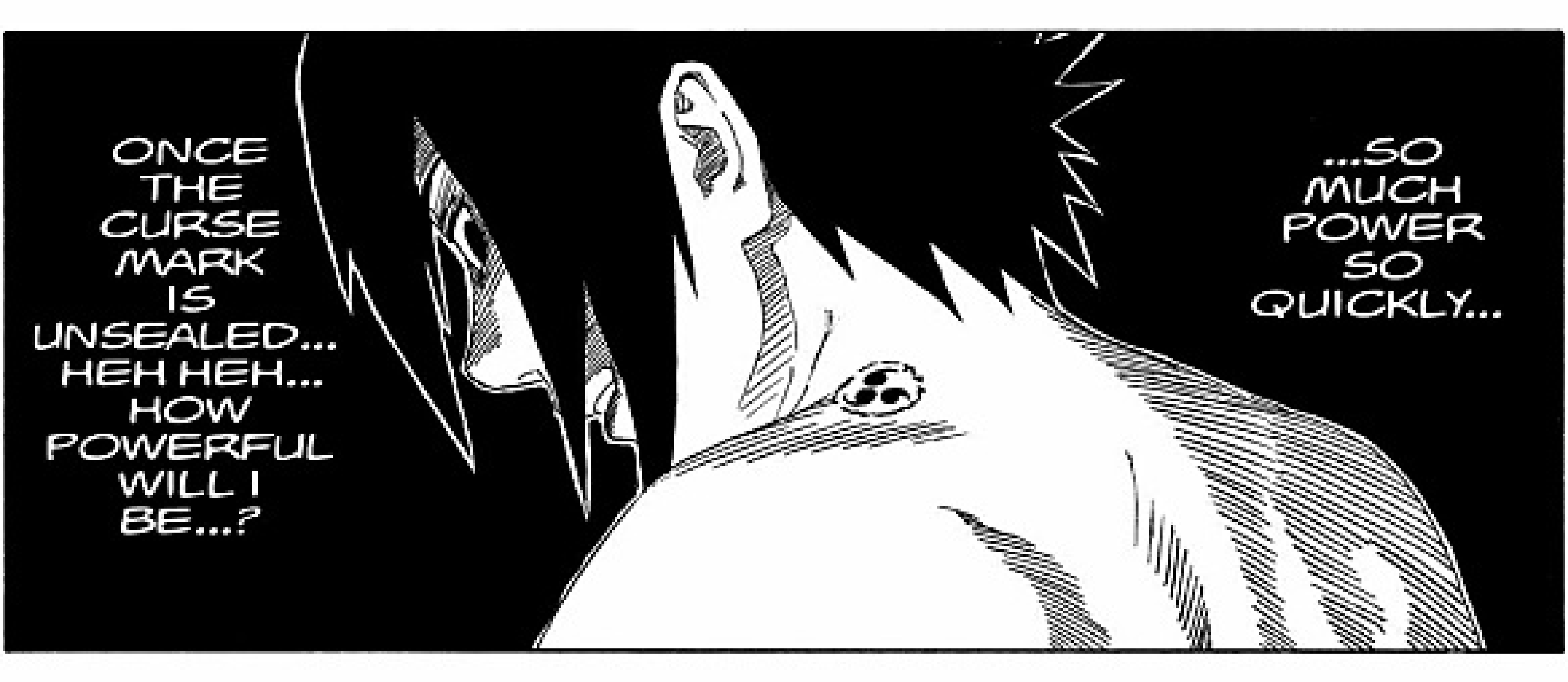

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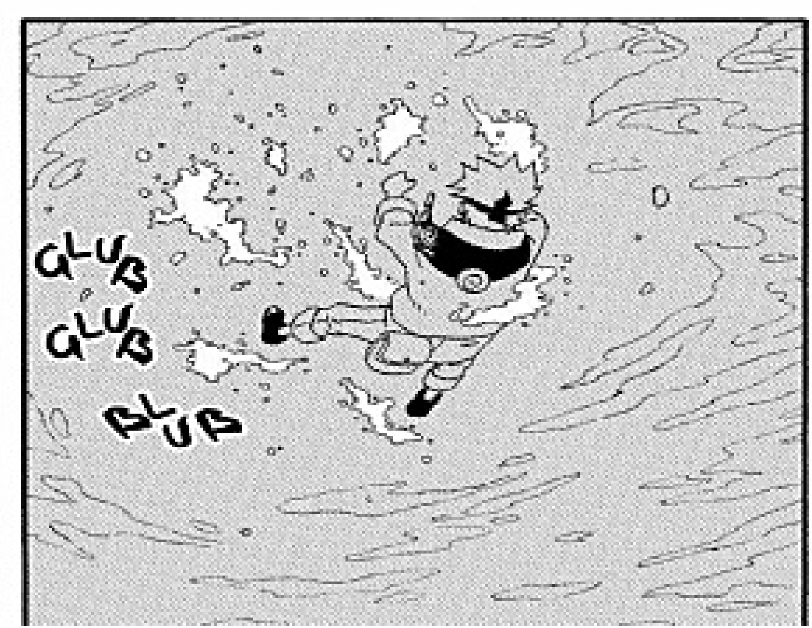

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READ THIS WAY


HEH HEH... HEH...
SO THIS IS WHAT OROCHIMARU WAS TALKING ABOUT...?
MY BODY'S ADAPTING ALREADY!




...SO MUCH POWER SO QUICKLY...
ONCE THE CURSE MARK IS UNSEALED... HEH HEH... HOW POWERFUL WILL I BE...?


GLUB GLUB BLUB

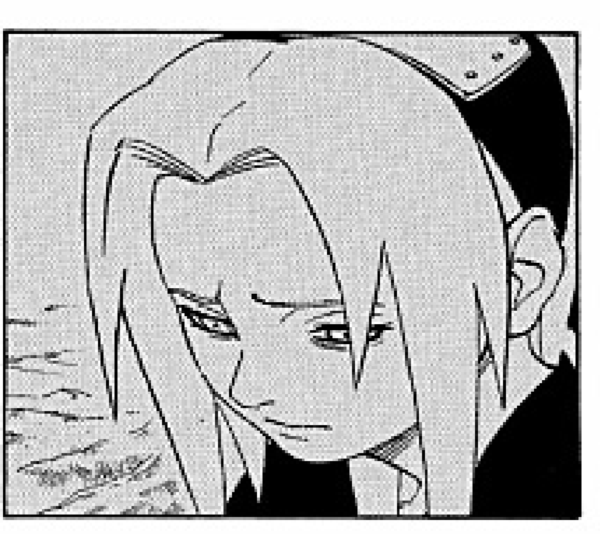

NGH... WHAT'S HAPPENING...?
...THAT CAN'T BE SASUKE...


GRRR

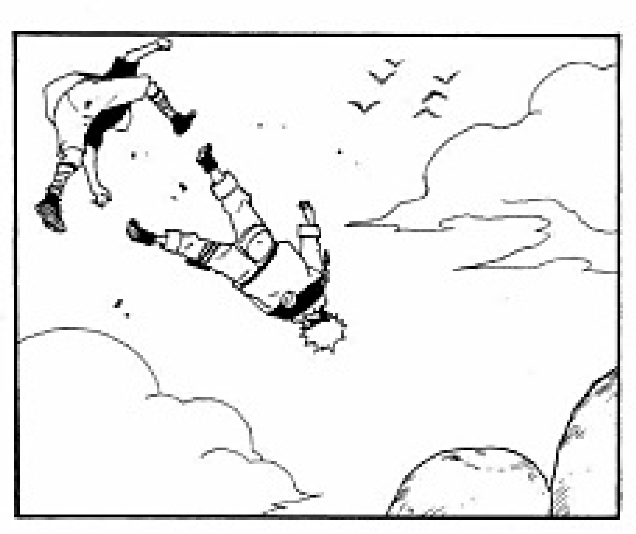

!
SPLASH
HMPH...
DOOM


READ THIS WAY
ZOOM
TAK
SSH
SHWUP
!!

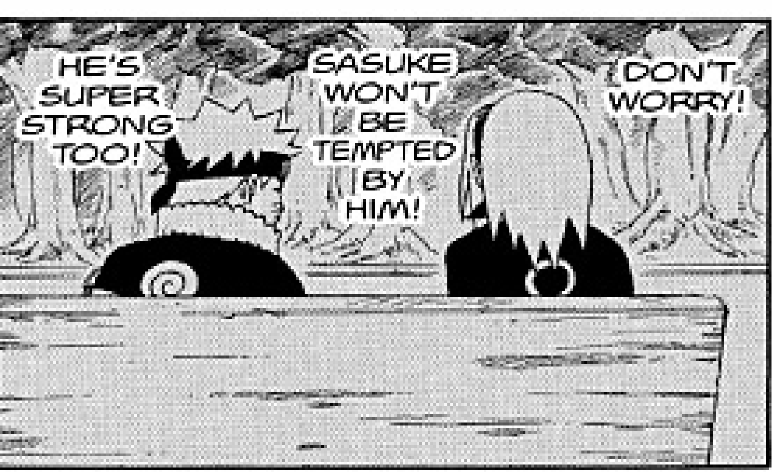
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FWAP

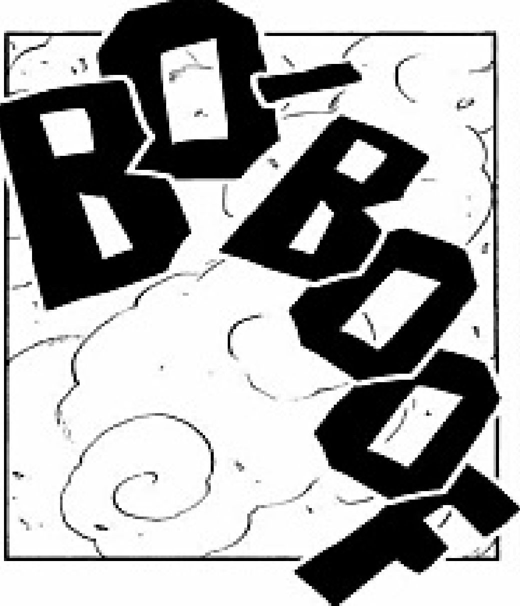


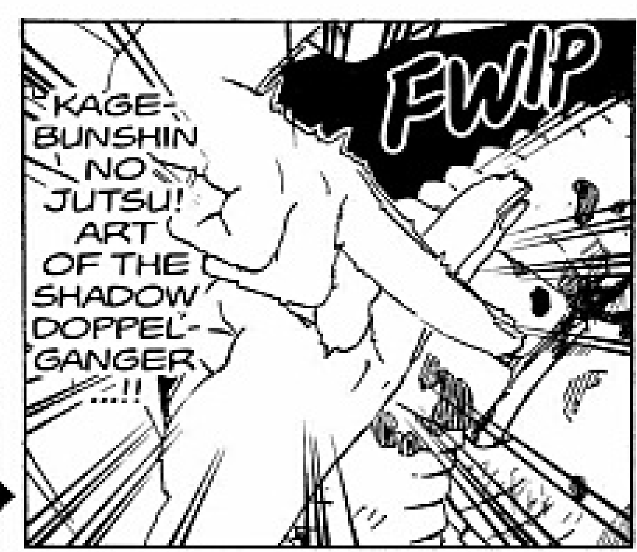

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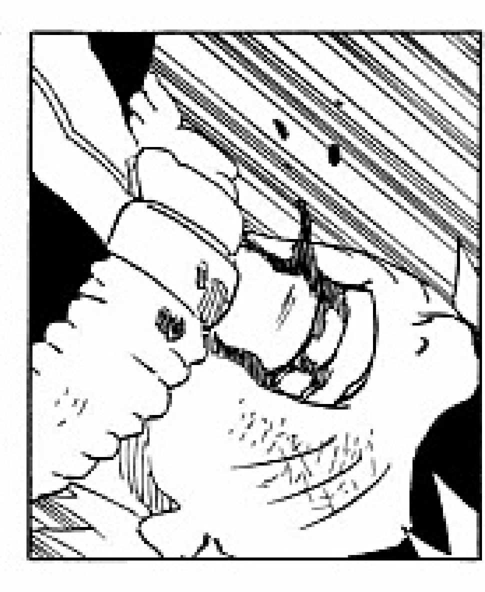



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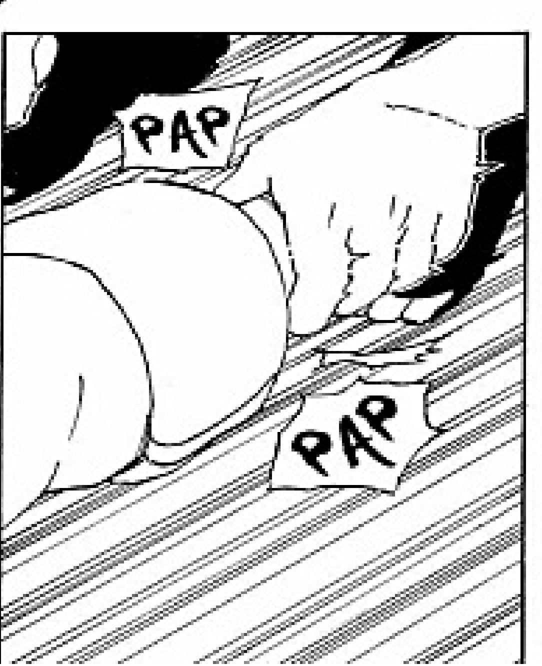

DON'T WORRY!
SASUKE WON'T BE TEMPTED BY HIM!
HE'S SUPER STRONG TOO!

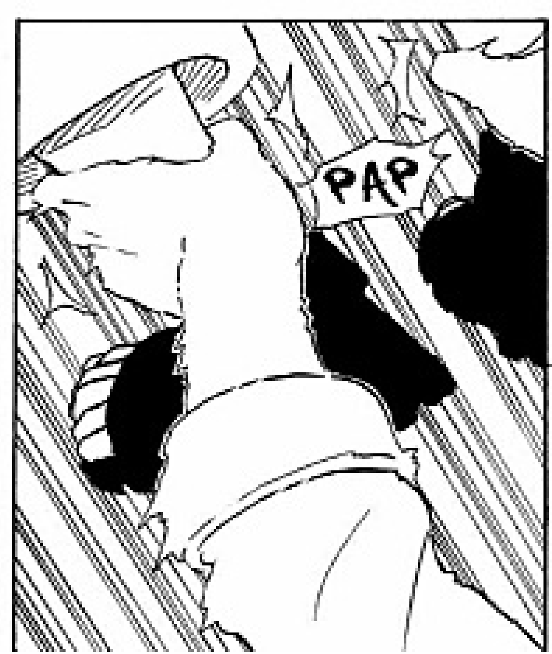

BO-BOOF


FWIP
KAGE-BUNSHIN NO JUTSU! ART OF THE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER...!!




CHAK


PAP
PAP

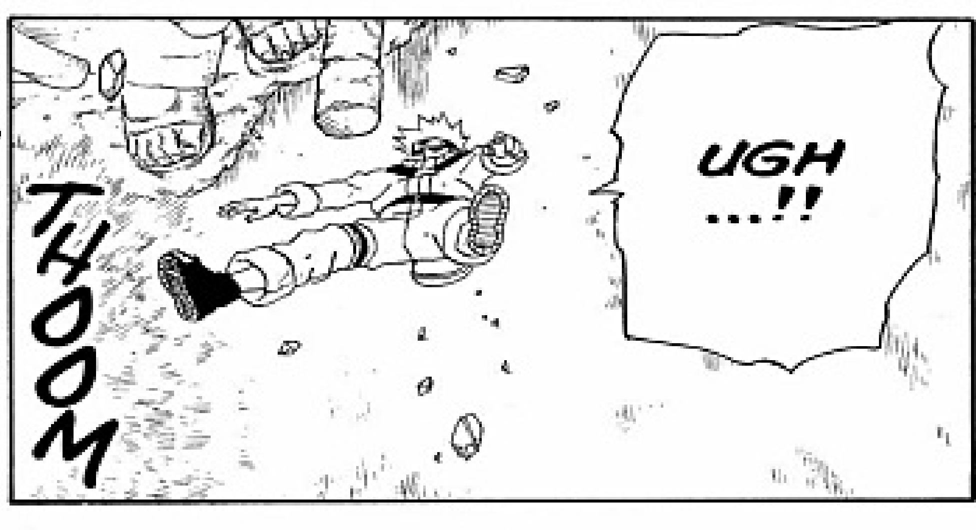

PAP


WHAM
POOF
POOF
DID THAT WAKE YOU UP?!
TMP
POOF
POOF
...


?!
THWACK


YEAH...
I'VE BEEN WIDE AWAKE...
...TO WHO I AM FOR A WHILE, EVEN WHILE I WAS TRYING TO BE LIKE ALL OF YOU...
SKF
... DREAMING ABOUT A FUTURE THAT ISN'T GOING TO COME.
!!
THAT'S WHY I LEFT!
!!
THAT'S WHY I SEEK POWER!
THOK

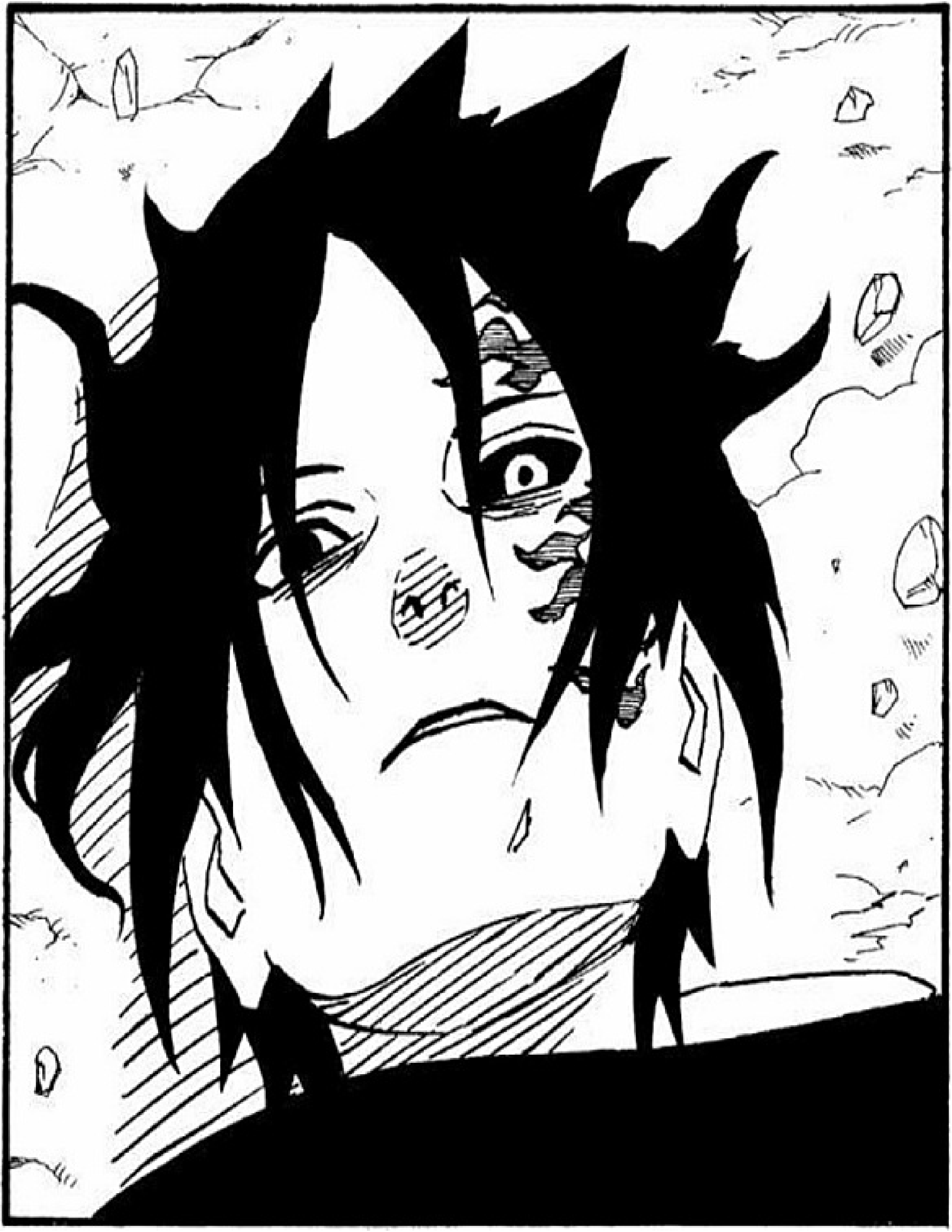


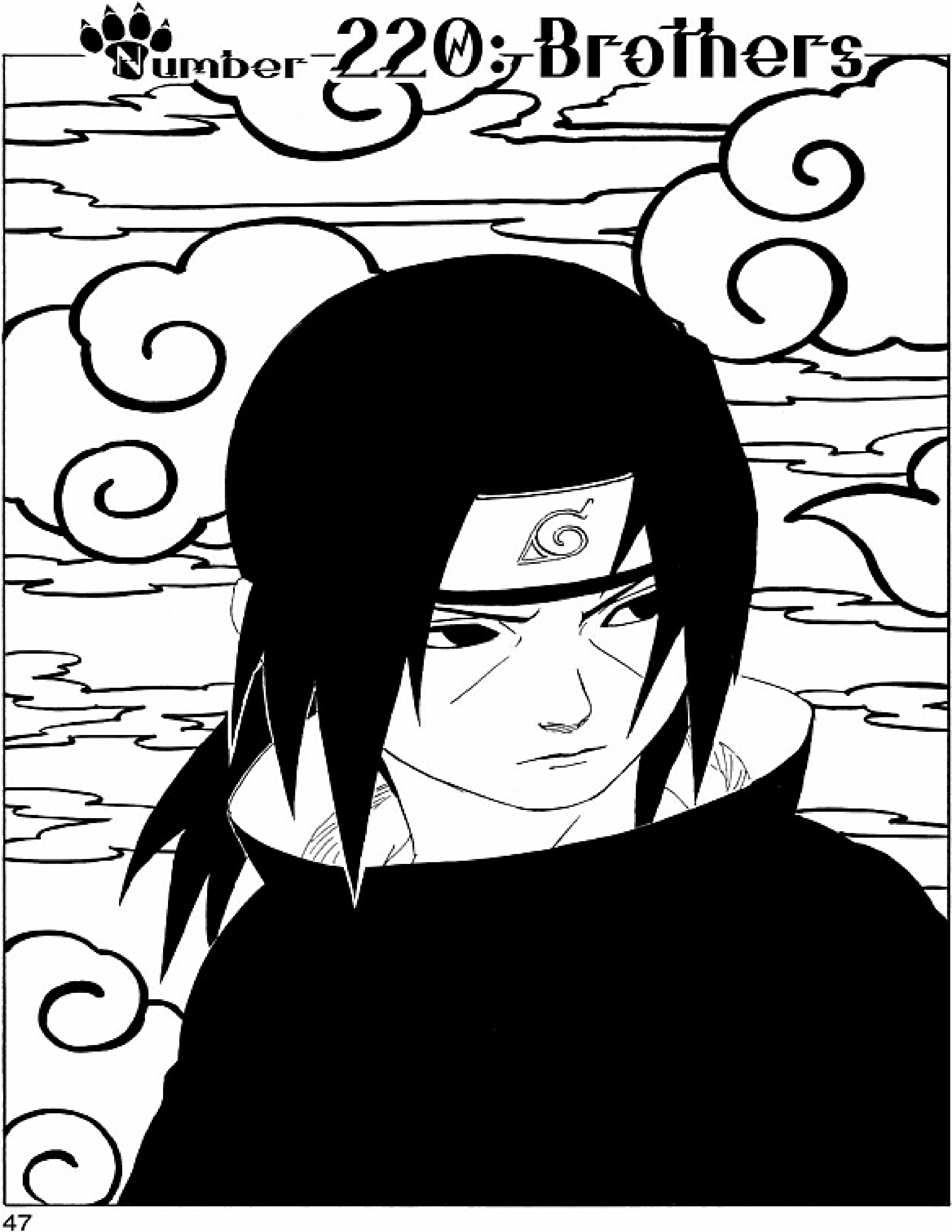




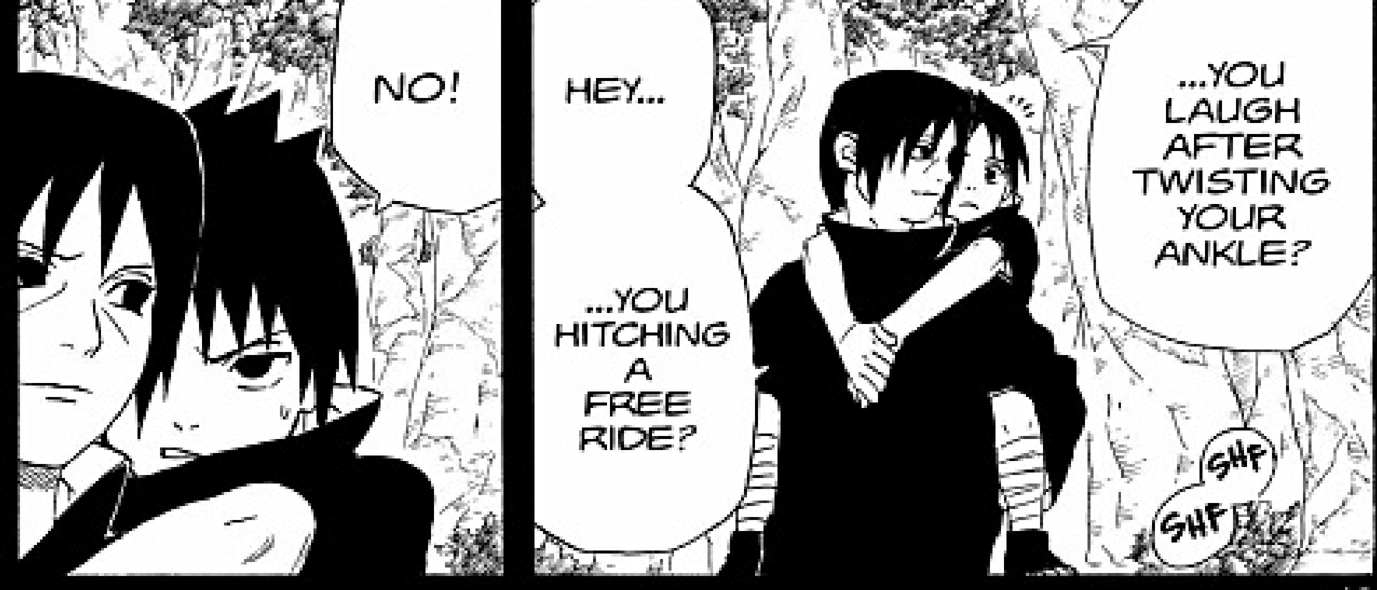
MY DREAM ...

...IS ROOTED ONLY IN THE PAST.




Number 220: Brothers


TAK
TAK


...YOU LAUGH AFTER TWISTING YOUR ANKLE?
HEY...
...YOU HITCHING A FREE RIDE?
SHF
SHF
NO!


READ THIS WAY
I JUST CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT NINJA ACADEMY!
I'LL CATCH UP TO YOU, BIG BROTHER.
SHWIP
SHWIP
SHWIP
SHWIP
SHUP

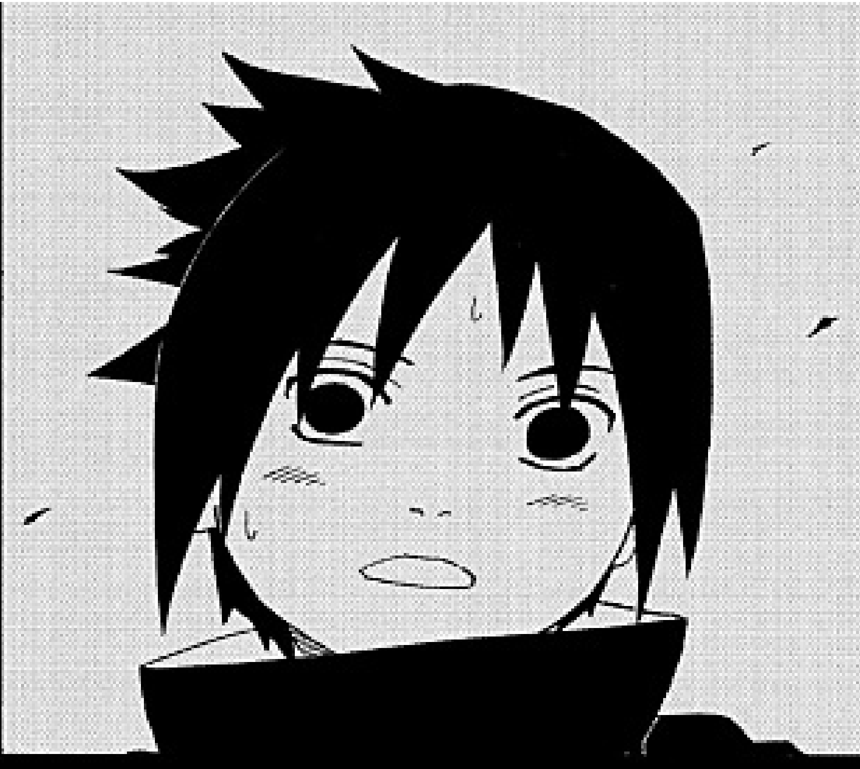

SHUUUPP
SHINNG
SHOO
SHOO
CHING
CHING


READ THIS WAY

THUK
THUK
TAK
THUK
THUK







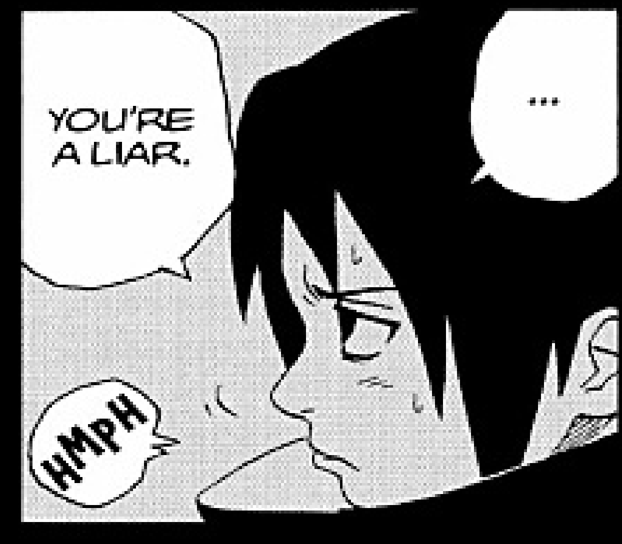
WOW!
YOU EVEN NAILED THAT TARGET IN THE BLIND SPOT BEHIND THE ROCK!!


!
...SASUKE, WE HAVE TO GO.


SHHF
ALL RIGHT... MY TURN!


READ THIS WAY


...
HMPH
YOU PROMISED TO TEACH ME NEW SHURIKEN TECH-NIQUES!
I HAVE AN IMPORTANT MISSION TOMORROW.
I HAVE TO STUDY.


...
HMPH
YOU'RE A LIAR.


...


C'HERE
C'HERE


!
GRIN


TAK

SORRY, SASUKE.
ANOTHER TIME.
TOK
OW!





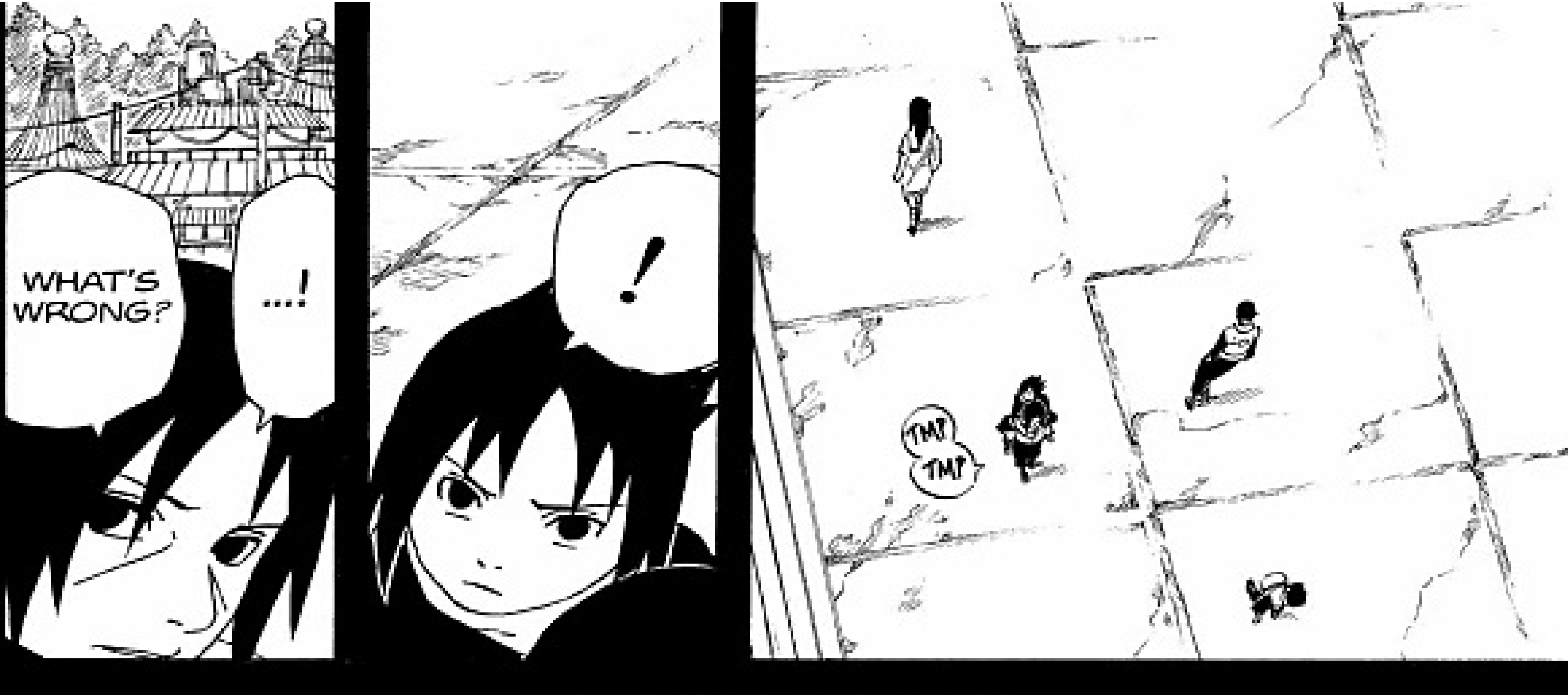


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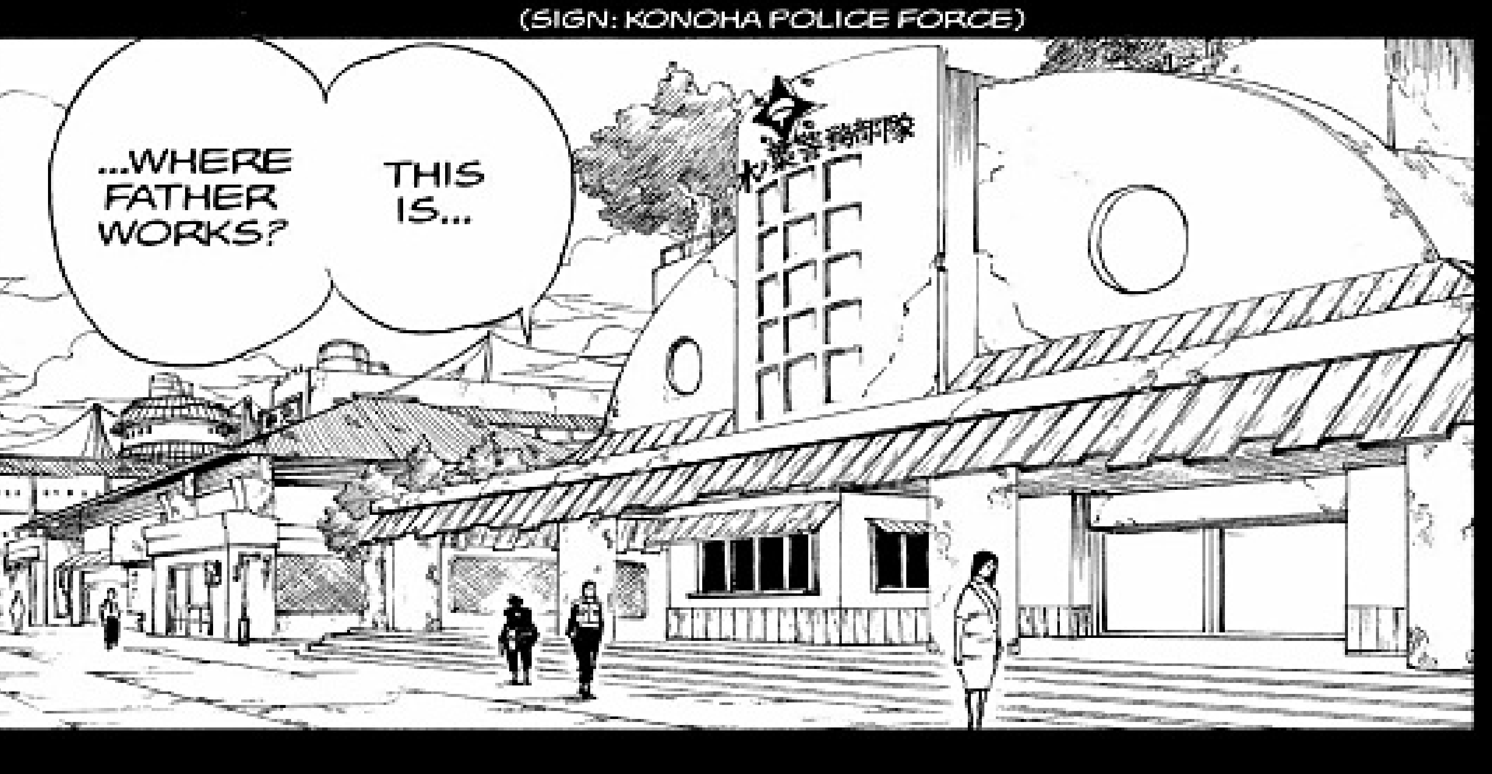
YAAAH!
CRACK
HEY! YOU'RE GONNA HURT YOURSELF...
HEE HEE ...







(SIGN: KONOHA POLICE FORCE)







READ THIS WAY

YOU NOTICED THAT, HUNH...?

OF COURSE!

...

WELL... BASICALLY...

OUR ANCESTORS...

...ORGANIZED AND FOUNDED THE POLICE FORCE.

THAT'S WHY THEY PUT THE FAMILY CREST INTO THE FORCE'S SYMBOL.

FROM THE BEGINNING, THE UCHIHA CLAN...

...HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE PROTECTION AND SECURITY OF THE VILLAGE.

THE UCHIHA CREST IS A TESTAMENT OF THE CLAN'S GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR CIVIC DUTY.




THE ONLY ONES CAPABLE OF CRACKING DOWN ON SHINOBI CRIME...
...ARE EVEN GREATER SHINOBI.
...
I KNEW FATHER WAS GREAT!
SKF
ARE YOU GONNA JOIN THE POLICE FORCE, TOO?
木ノ葉警務
WELL... I DON'T KNOW...
YOU SHOULD!
...


THEN WHEN I GROW UP...
I'M GONNA JOIN THE POLICE FORCE TOO!!
FATHER'S COMING TO MY ENTRANCE CEREMONY TOMORROW.
IT'S THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS MY DREAM.
TMP
TMP
...
YEAH.
TMP
TMP
SHF


YOU'RE LATE... WHAT WERE YOU UP TO?
I HAVE SOME-THING TO TELL YOU.
LET'S GET HOME.
...
...!
YES, FATHER.


READ THIS WAY
HA HA... THAT'S MY BOY...
IT'S BEEN ONLY SIX MONTHS SINCE YOUR PROMOTION TO CHŪNIN...
...YOU'VE ALREADY COME SO FAR.
...
...
ABOUT TOMORROW'S SPECIAL MISSION...
I'VE DECIDED TO GO ALONG.
!
...!

IF THIS MISSION IS SUCCESSFUL, ITACHI...

... ENTRANCE INTO THE ANBU BLACK OPS WILL BE ASSURED.

...

YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT ...?

SHHF

...






READ THIS WAY
FATHER...
TOMORROW IS MY...
TOMORROW'S MISSION...
...WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR THE CLAN TOO!
...
...
...
I'M NOT GOING ON TOMORROW'S MISSION.
!
?!
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!
YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS!
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU SAYING?!

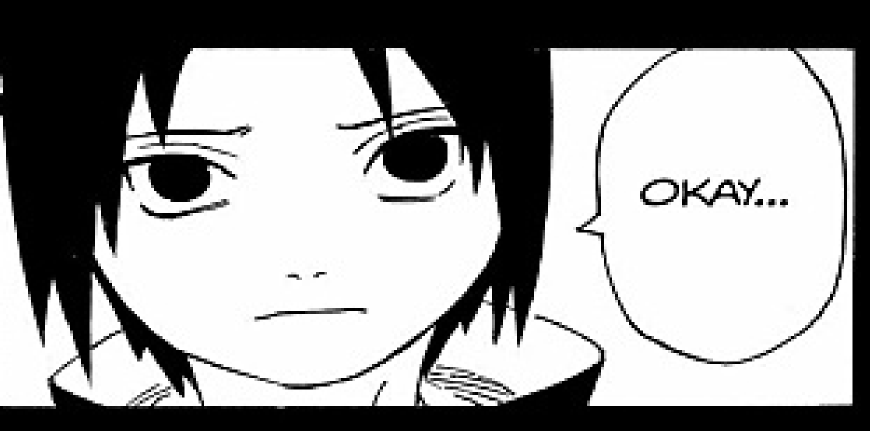

TOMORROW, I'M ATTENDING SASUKE'S NINJA ACADEMY ENTRANCE CEREMONY.
...
...!
...
IT'S CUSTOMARY FOR STUDENTS' FAMILIES TO ATTEND.
YOU RECEIVED THE NOTICE... FATHER?
...ALL RIGHT, ENOUGH ...
SKF
I'LL GO TO THE ACADEMY.


READ
THIS
WAY


TAK


GO PUT ICE ON THAT LEG.




OKAY...

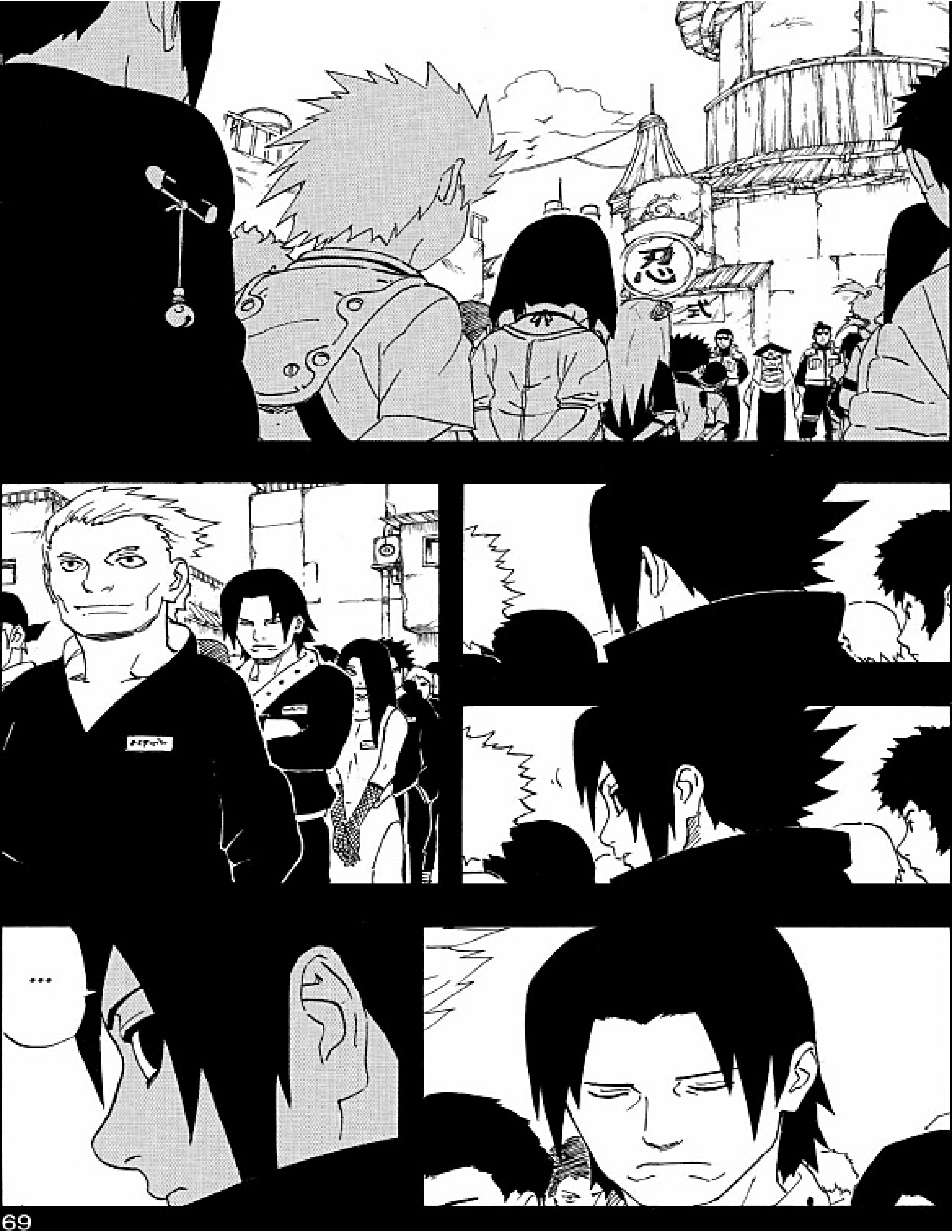

BIG BROTHER...


YOU'RE SO FAR AWAY...


NARUTO
TM


Number 221: Out of Reach
MAKE-OUT VIOLENCE


NINJA ACADEMY
忍
入学式
(BANNER: ENTRANCE CEREMONY)
EVERYONE! CONGRAT-ULATIONS ARE IN ORDER.
FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, I HOPE YOU ALL WILL WORK HARD...
...TO ASPIRE TO THE SHINOBI WAY.

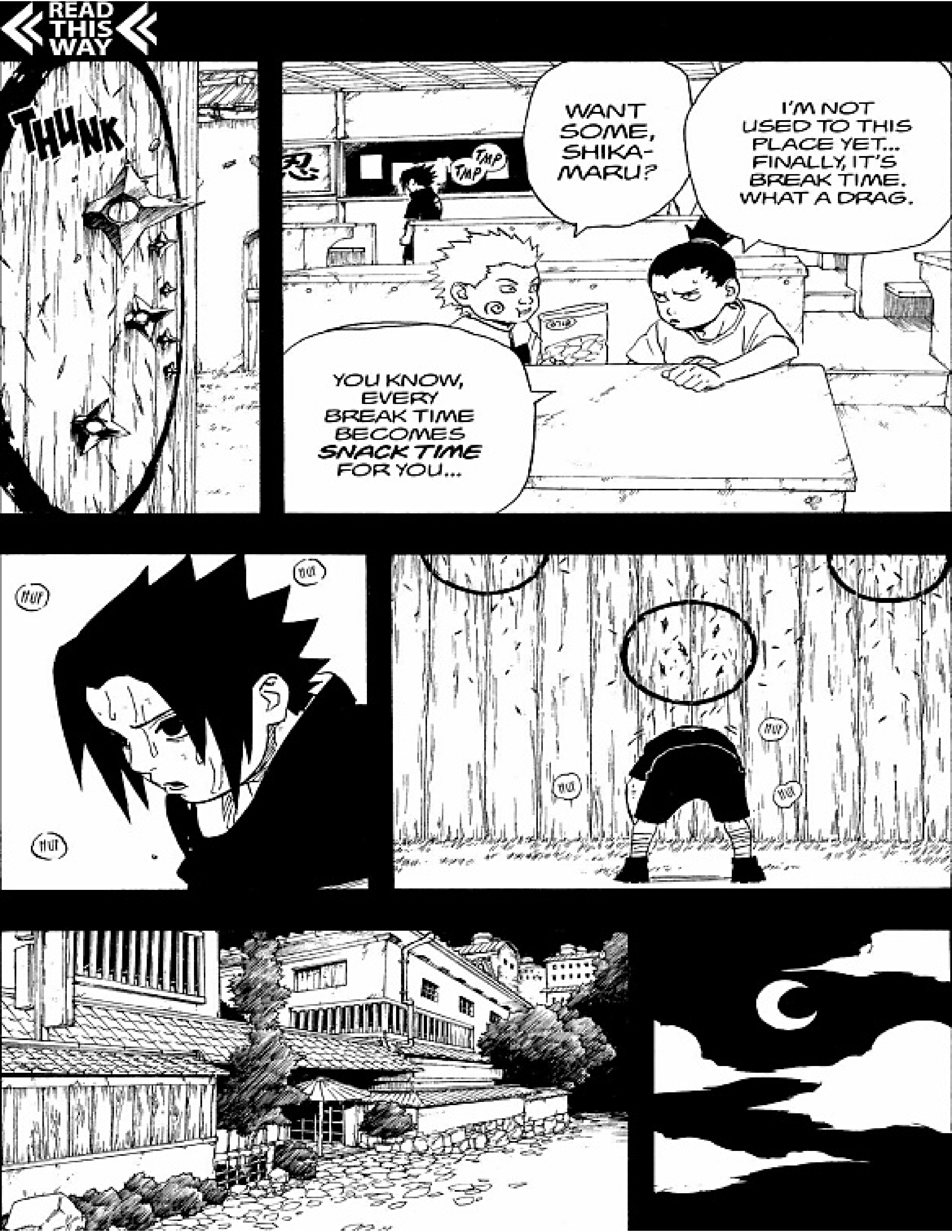

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...



ACADEMY
WELL...
YOU REMIND ME OF ITACHI.
I GUESS THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED.
...
YOU HONOR US BY TEACHING BOTH SONS.


THE HONOR IS MINE.
ITACHI WAS THE MOST GIFTED STUDENT I EVER HAD THE PLEASURE TO MENTOR... I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A REMARKABLE STUDENT.
WE BARELY HAD TO TEACH HIM ANYTHING AT ALL.
YOU EXAGGER-ATE.
NO, NO.
...
I EXPECT GREAT THINGS OF YOU, SASUKE.
FOLLOW YOUR BIG BROTHER'S EXAMPLE AND BECOME A GOOD SHINOBI.
...

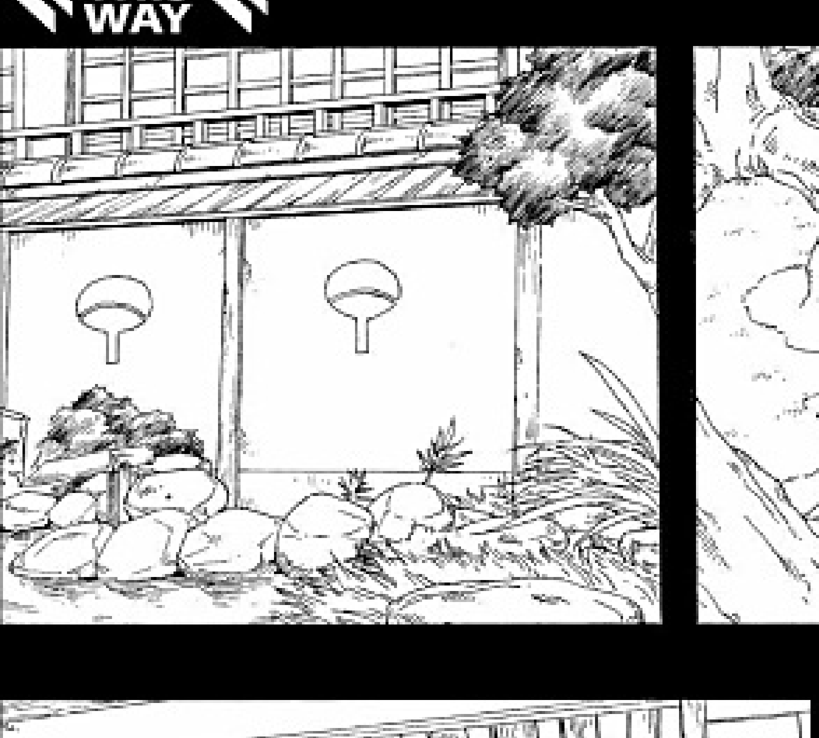

...YES, FATHER.
HEY... HE'S AN UCHIHA, ISN'T HE?
YEAH.
SO... IS HE A GENIUS, TOO?
UUUH ...
GUESS SO.


READ THIS WAY
I'M NOT USED TO THIS PLACE YET... FINALLY, IT'S BREAK TIME. WHAT A DRAG.
WANT SOME, SHIKA-MARU?
YOU KNOW, EVERY BREAK TIME BECOMES SNACK TIME FOR YOU...
TMP TMP
THUNK
HUF
HUF
HUF
HUF
HUF
HUF
HUF


TMP TMP
HA HA HA ...
!
THAT'S MY BOY.
ENTERING THE ANBU BLACK OPS... I'M SO PROUD.
...
HUF
HUF
HUF


READ THIS WAY


THUD



OH, DEAR ...
AT LEAST GIVE YOUR BODY A BREAK ON YOUR DAYS OFF.


OUCH!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH SO HARD.

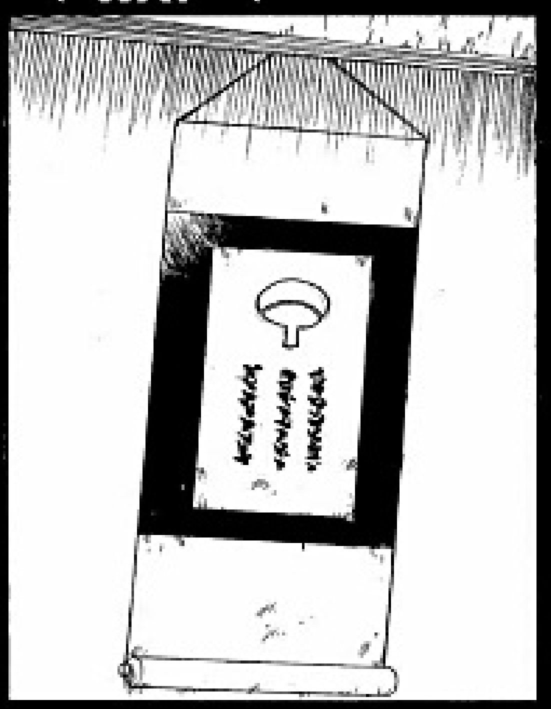
ITACHI ...
...GRADUATED FROM THE ACADEMY IN ONE YEAR...
TIMES HAVE CHANGED.
...AND HE'S A SPECIAL CASE.

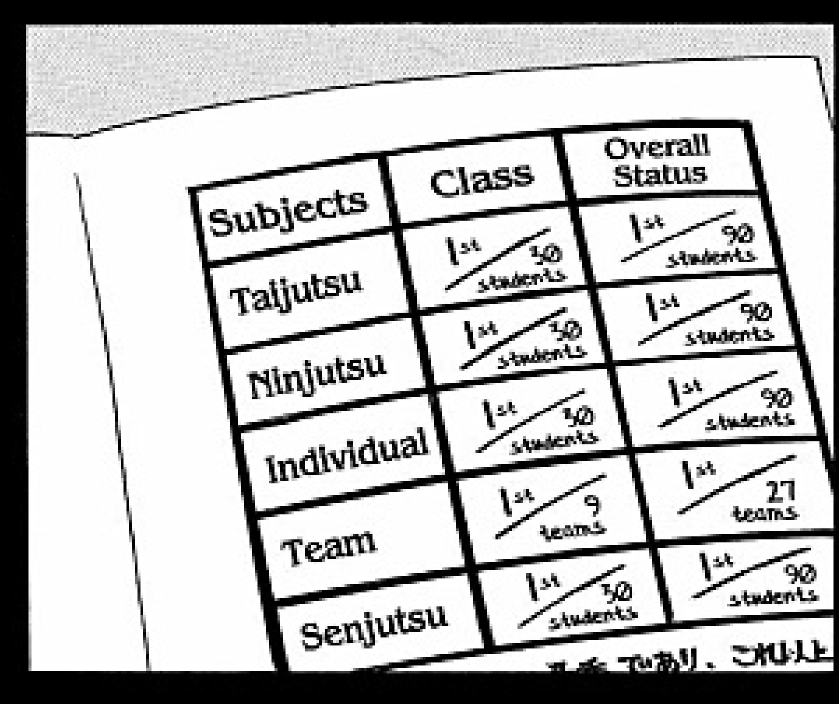

THAT'S MY BOY.


...
I HAVE FIRST SEMESTER REPORTS.
NINJA ACADEMY
成績表
GAAHHH!!
(REPORT CARD)









Subjects	Class	Overall Status
Taijutsu	1st / 30 students	1st / 90 students
Ninjutsu	1st / 30 students	1st / 90 students
Individual	1st / 30 students	1st / 90 students
Team	1st / 9 teams	1st / 27 teams
Senjutsu	1st / 30 students	1st / 90 students





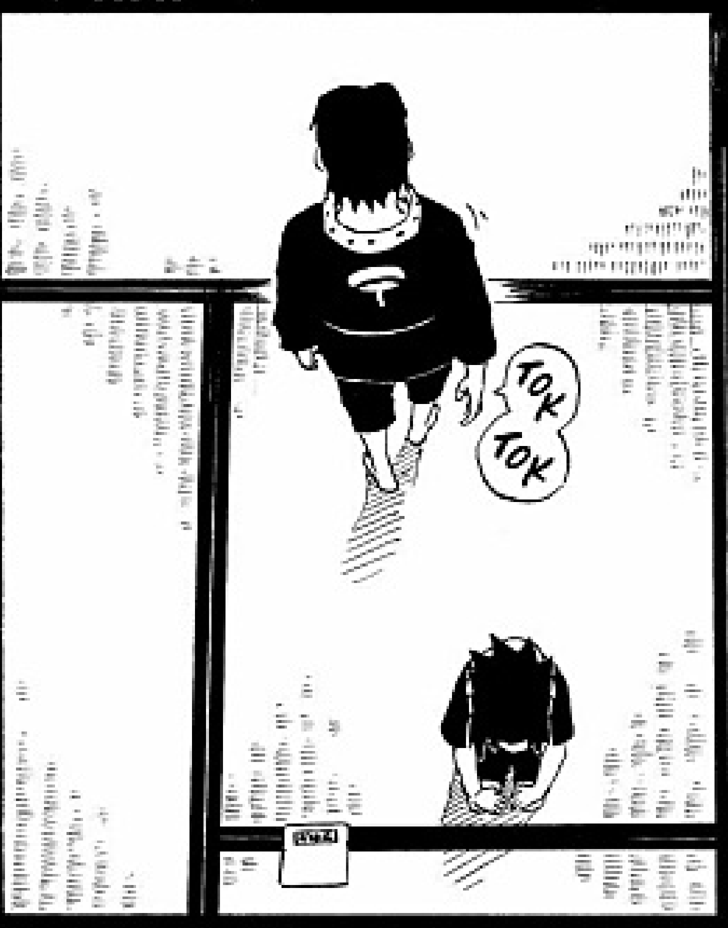


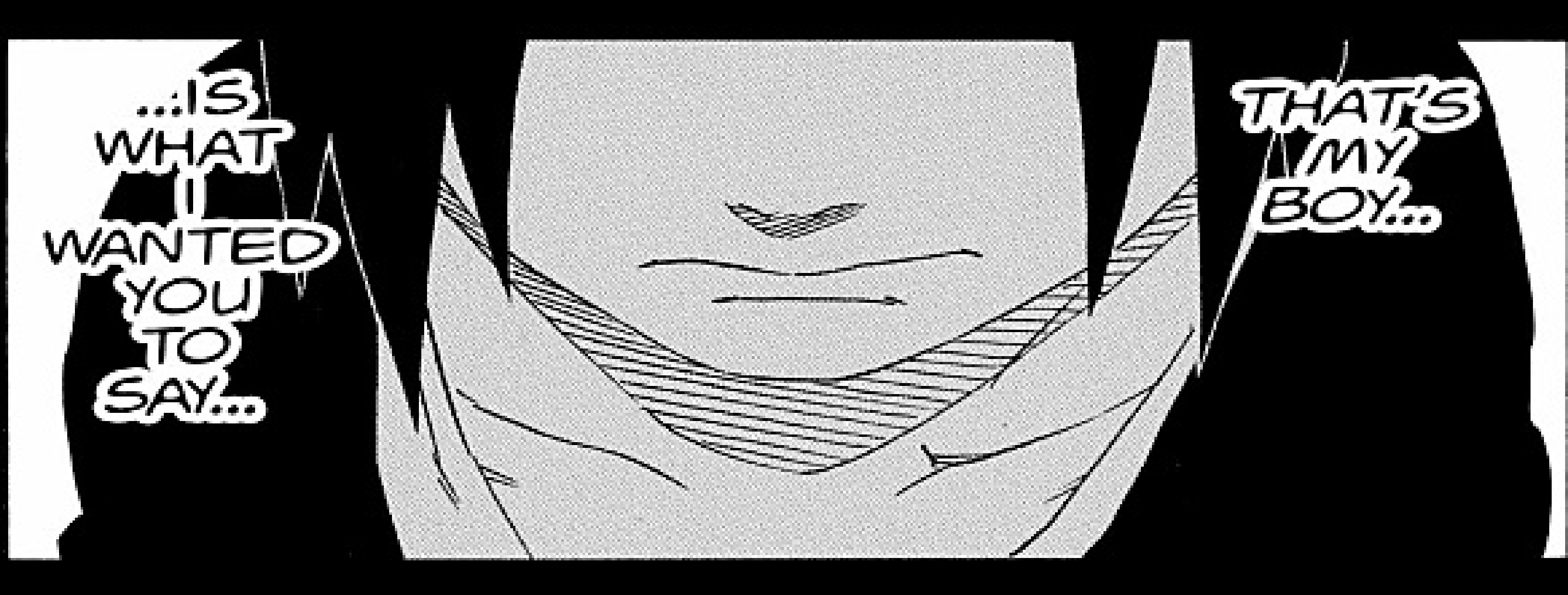



KEEP THIS UP, AND YOU'LL BE AMAZING, JUST LIKE YOUR BROTHER.


READ
THIS
WAY


...
FATHER...
I...

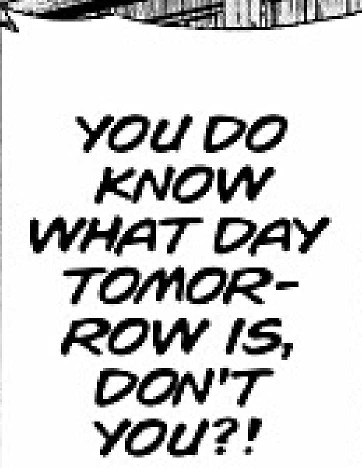

TOK
TOK


THAT'S MY BOY...
...IS WHAT I WANTED YOU TO SAY...

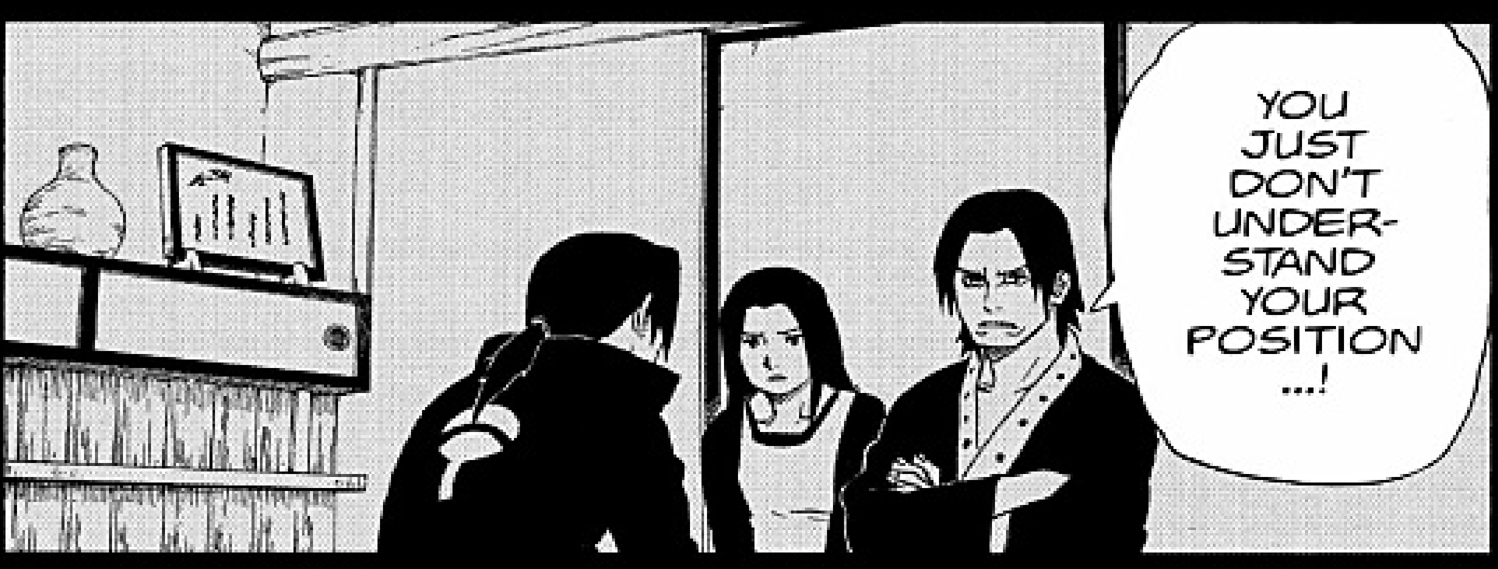

TAK











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SSH

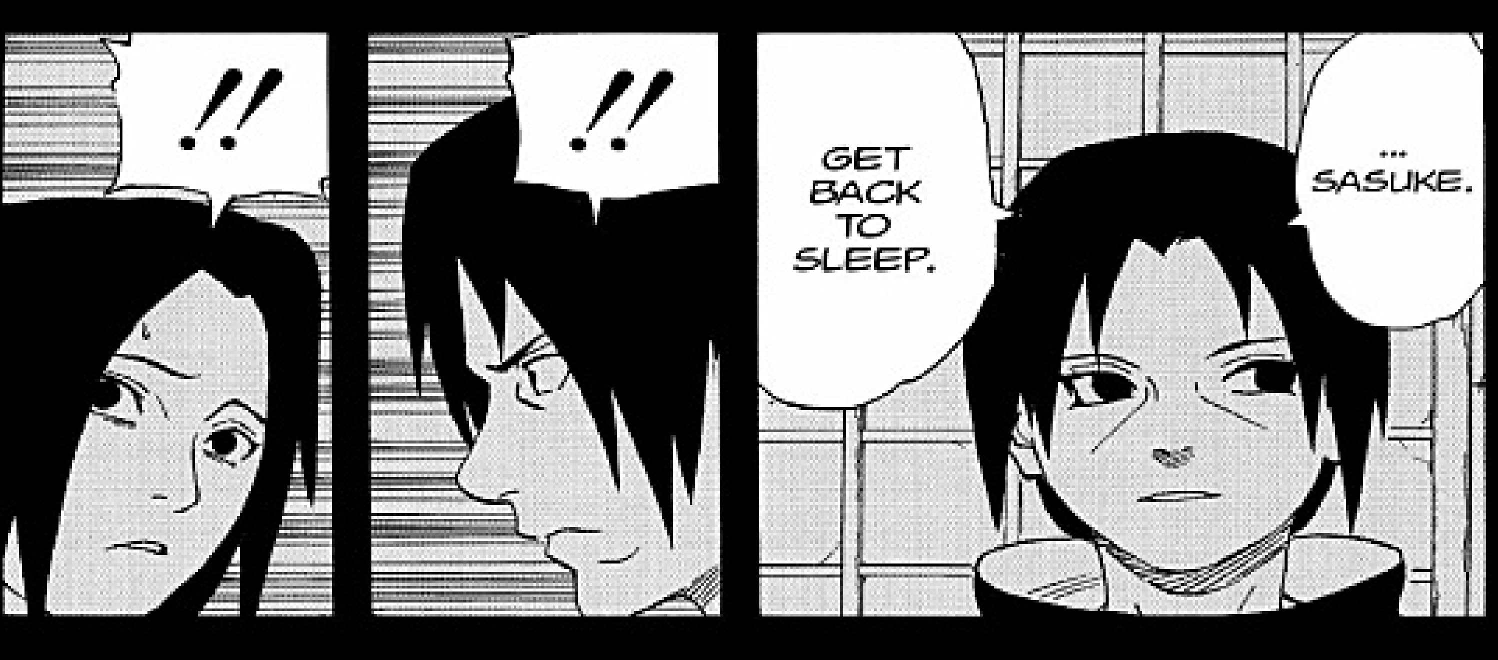
WHAT ARE THEY DOING AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT, AND WITH THE LIGHTS OUT...?

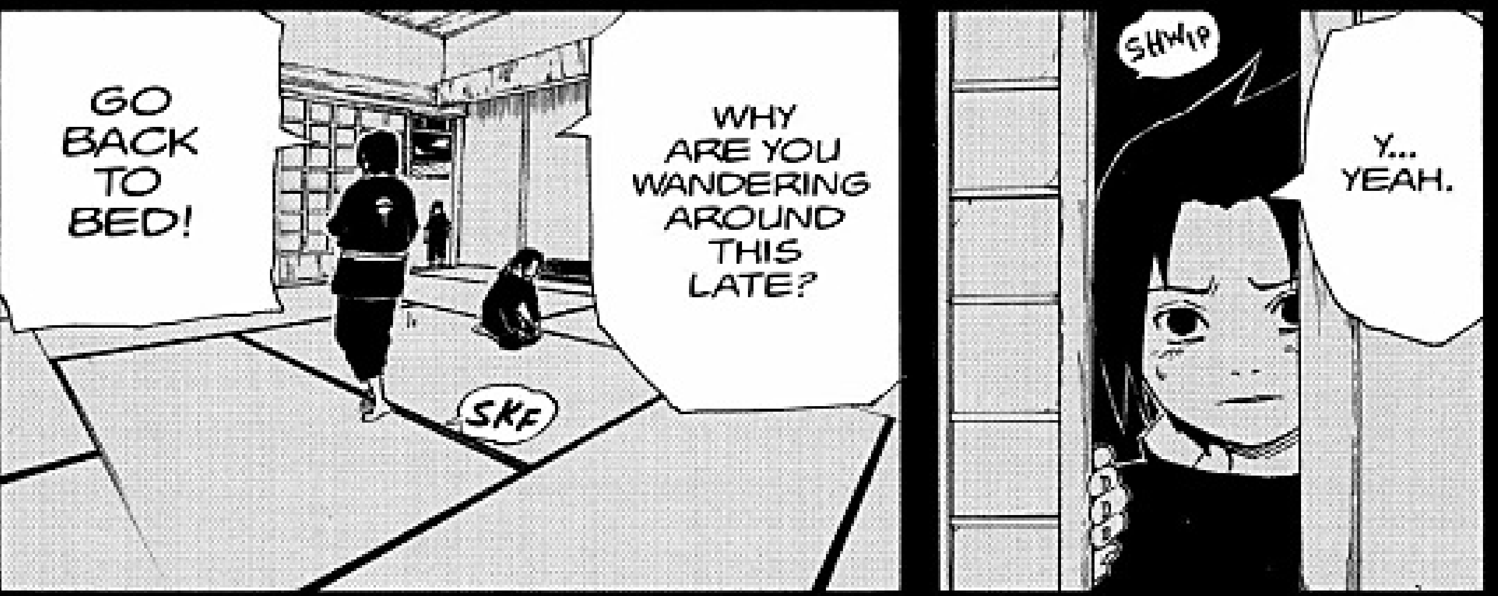
MY MISSION BEGINS TOMOR-ROW.

...WHAT MISSION ?!


READ THIS WAY
...
I CAN'T TELL YOU... IT'S COVERT.
...
...
ITACHI...
YOU'RE THE PIPELINE BETWEEN THE CLAN AND THE VILLAGE NERVE CENTER...
YOU UNDER-STAND THAT...
...DON'T YOU?
YEAH...
...

TAKE THAT TO HEART.
ATTEND TOMORROW'S MEETING.
...



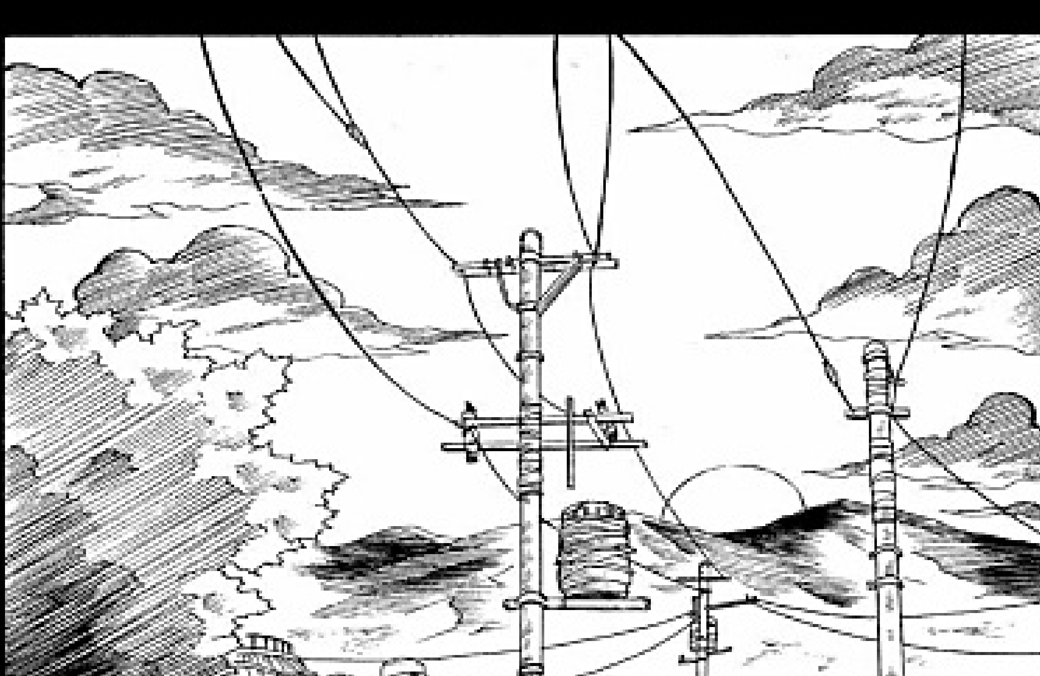



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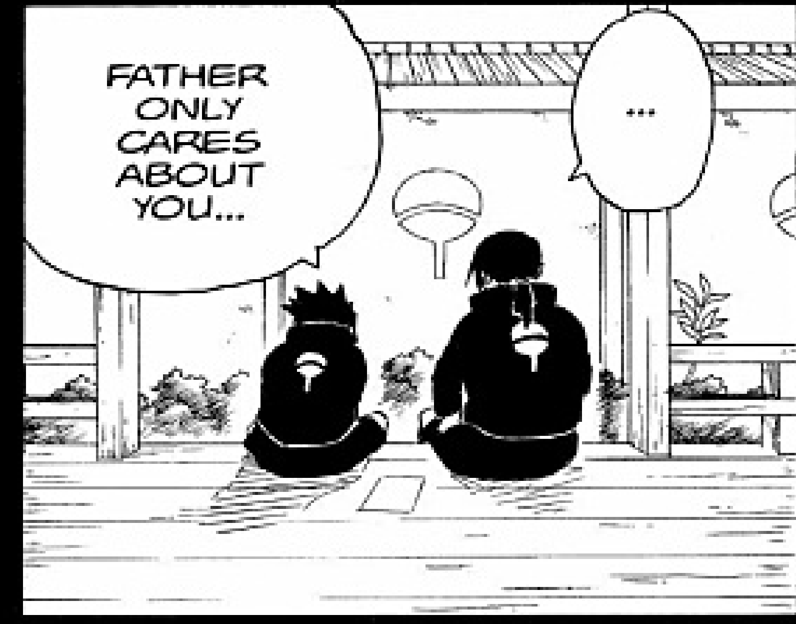
...

YES, FATHER.

...




成績表
うちは サスケ


...
FATHER ONLY CARES ABOUT YOU...


YOU'RE UPSET WITH ME, SASUKE?


...!
...

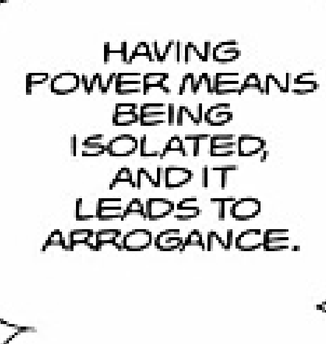

THAT'S FINE...
TO LIVE LIFE BEING HATED...
THAT'S ONE PATH FOR A SHINOBI.


I... I DON'T THINK...


...


IT'S EXACTLY LIKE HE SAID...
THE TRUTH IS... ABOUT MY BROTHER...


HA HA...
IT'S TOUGH BEING THE BEST.


HAVING POWER MEANS BEING ISOLATED, AND IT LEADS TO ARROGANCE.
NO MATTER HOW HIGH PEOPLE'S HOPES FOR YOU WERE.

...

BUT... IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.

I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE LIKE A WALL YOU NEED TO CLIMB OVER.

EVEN IF IT MEANS BEING HATED...

THAT'S WHAT BIG BROTHERS ARE FOR.

KA-TUNGG

!

!

ITACHI! YOU THERE?!

COME OUT! WE NEED TO TALK TO YOU!!




Number 222:
Itachi Accused


SSH
...WHAT IS IT?
WHAT BRINGS YOU ALL HERE?
ONLY TWO PEOPLE DIDN'T SHOW UP TO YESTERDAY'S MEETING...
WHERE WERE YOU?



...

...

SO, IT'S TRUE... ITACHI DIDN'T ATTEND...

SINCE JOINING THE ANBU...

YOU'VE PULLED US THROUGH MANY SITUATIONS... WE UNDERSTAND THAT.

YOUR FATHER SAID SO TOO...

...AND HE'S TRYING TO DEFEND YOU, BUT...

WE CAN'T MAKE EXCEPTIONS.

...I UNDERSTAND.

NOW, ARE WE DONE HERE?

I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL.

... ALMOST.

WE DO HAVE A FEW MORE QUESTIONS...

...

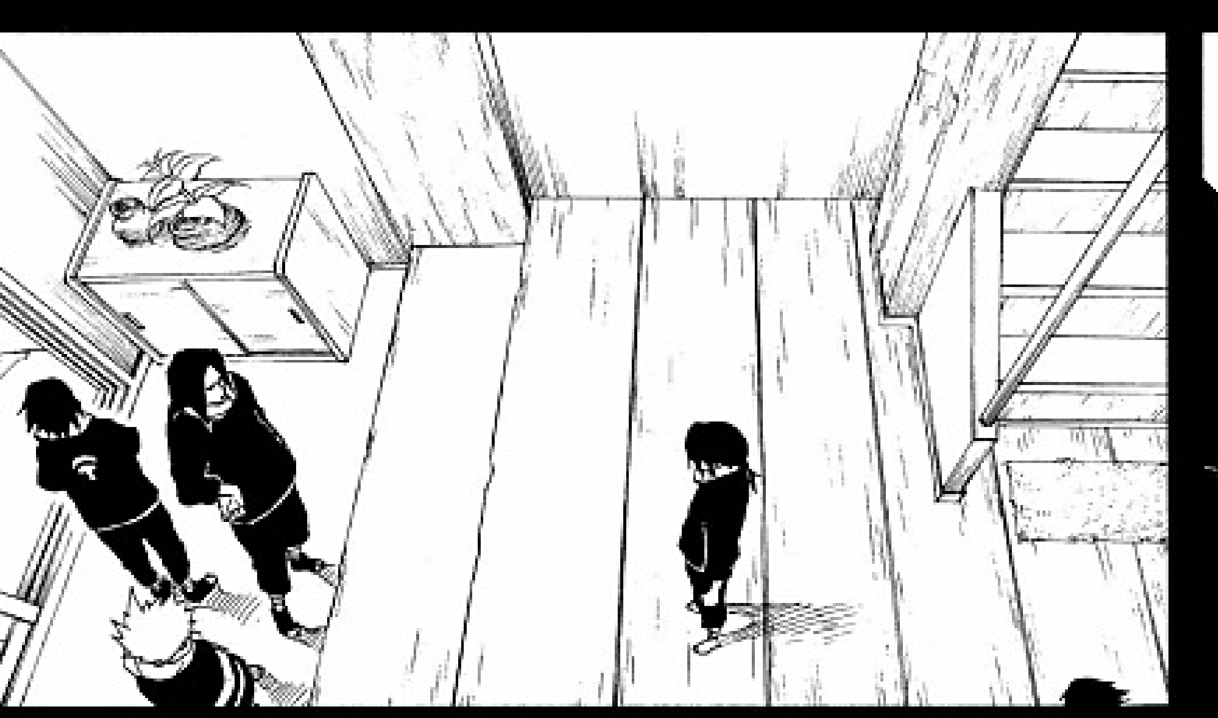

IT'S ABOUT SHISUI...
HE ALSO MISSED THE MEETING ...
WE KNOW THAT YOU...
HE THREW HIMSELF INTO THE NAKANO RIVER.
WHY?!
...!

READ THIS WAY





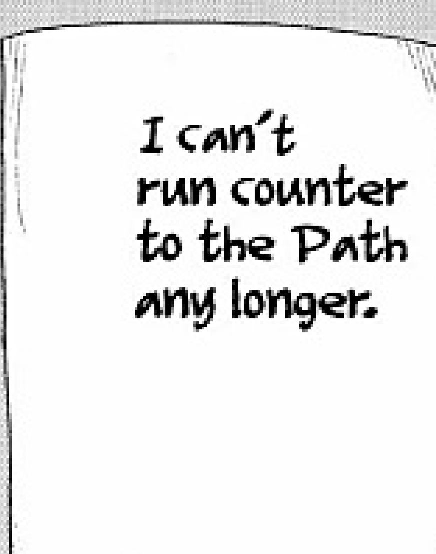






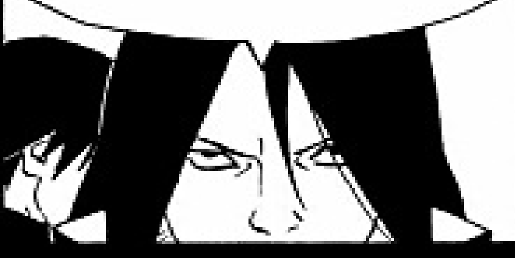



THIS IS SHISUI'S FINAL NOTE.
A HAND-WRITING ANALYSIS WAS CONDUCTED.
THERE'S NO DOUBT HE WROTE IT.
...IF THERE'S NO INDICATION OF MURDER...
...WHAT'S THE INVESTI-GATION FOR...?
FOR A SHARINGAN USER...
...COPYING HANDWRITING IS EASY.
...?!
...
SHF
THE CONTENT OF THE SUICIDE NOTE IS ALL HERE...
...ON THIS TINY PIECE OF PAPER.


I'm tired of these missions. At this rate, there's no future for Uchiha. Or for me...
I can't run counter to the Path any longer.


...


HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST TALENTED OF THE CLAN, AND THE BEST EVER AT TELEPORTATION.
HE WAS ALWAYS THE FIRST TO TAKE ON ANY MISSION FOR THE SAKE OF THE CLAN.


HE WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN UP HIS LIFE OR HIS CLAN THIS EASILY.


...
YOU SHOULDN'T JUDGE PEOPLE...
...BY APPEARANCES OR PRECONCEPTIONS.



...WE'LL LEAVE THE NOTE WITH YOU FOR THE TIME BEING.

TAKE IT TO THE ANBU BLACK OPS AND REQUEST THEIR COOPERATION IN THE INVESTI-GATION.

...

UNDER-STOOD ...

SHF

SHF




READ THIS WAY
...
...
WHY DON'T YOU JUST SAY IT?
SPUT
SPUT
SPUT

YOU THINK I DID THIS?



IN FACT, WE DO...

...YOU CHILD.





IF YOU DID INDEED BETRAY THE CLAN...

...YOU **WILL** PAY.



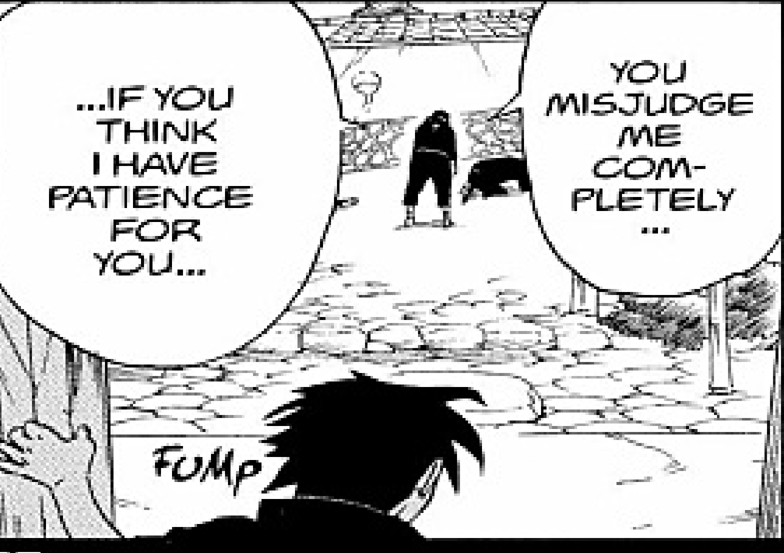




UGH...

LIKE I SAID. DON'T JUDGE PEOPLE...

...BY APPEAR-ANCES OR PRECON-CEPTIONS.



THE CLAN... THE CLAN...

YOU BABBLE ON, BUT YOU OVER-ESTIMATE YOUR ABILITIES...

...AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA OF THE DEPTH OF MINE, WHICH IS WHY YOU'RE CRAWLING RIGHT NOW.

...I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM...

...LIKE THIS...

...SHISUI HAD BEEN WATCHING YOU RECENTLY...

IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS SINCE YOU ENTERED ANBU... WHAT YOU'VE SAID AND DONE SINCE THEN IS TOO STRANGE TO OVERLOOK.

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU THINKING...?

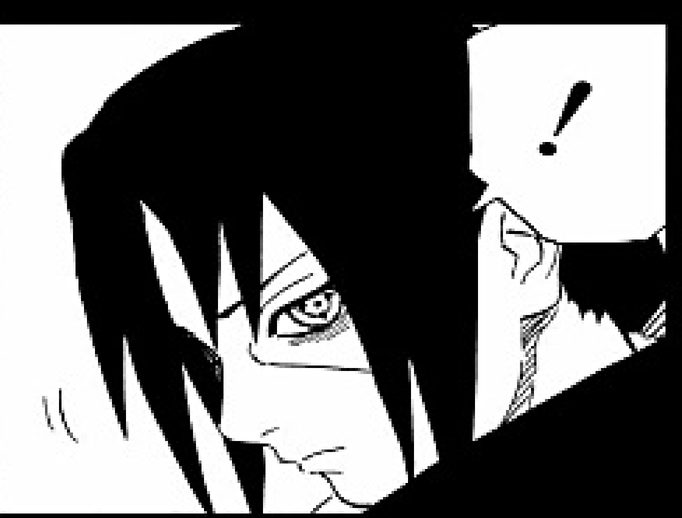
YOU CLING TO YOUR ORGANIZATION, TO YOUR CLAN, AND TO YOUR NAME...

AND YOU FEAR WHAT YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND...

BUT YOU ARE NARCISSISTIC AND ARROGANT...

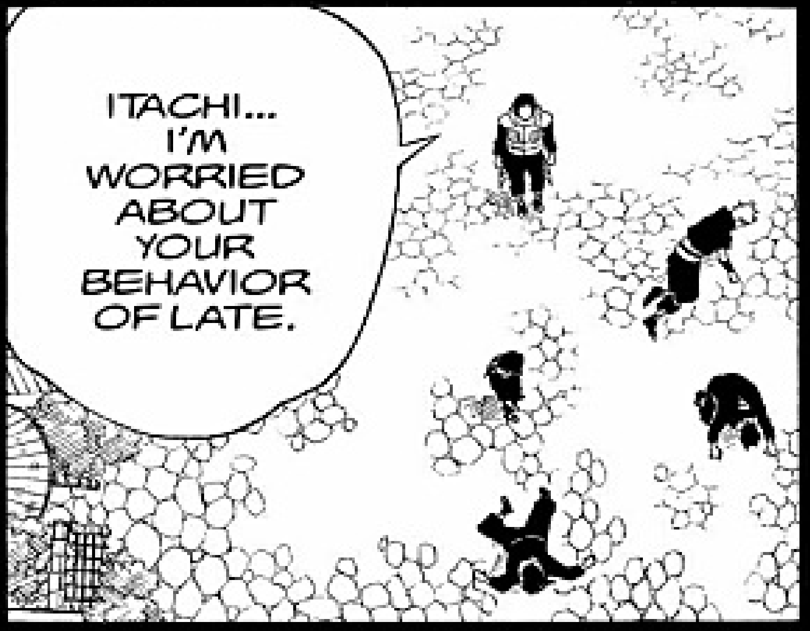
PURE IDIOCY !!






READ
THIS
WAY


THAT'S ENOUGH ...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?


ITACHI... I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOUR BEHAVIOR OF LATE.


...!


WHY...?
I'M BUSY WITH WORK... THAT'S ALL.


THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU SHOW UP LAST NIGHT?


...
...I NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE NEXT STATE.


...? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...?


SHHF
!!
THUNK


READ THIS WAY
...
...
MY ABILITY'S BEEN...
...RE-PRESSED BY THIS PATHETIC CLAN.
FROM THE BEGINNING, THE UCHIHA CLAN HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE PROTECTION AND SECURITY OF THE VILLAGE... THE UCHIHA CREST IS A TESTAMENT OF THE CLAN'S GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR CIVIC DUTY.
THAT'S MY BOY.
ENTERING THE ANBU BLACK OPS... I'M SO PROUD.


OBSESSING OVER WORTHLESS THINGS LIKE THE CLAN...
...YOU LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT...
...PREMONITION AND IMAGINATION. YOU CAN'T ACHIEVE REAL CHANGE AS LONG AS YOU'RE BOUND BY REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.
WHAT INSOLENCE ...!!
IT'S TOUGH BEING THE BEST. HAVING POWER MEANS BEING ISOLATED, AND IT LEADS TO ARROGANCE.
NO MATTER HOW HIGH PEOPLE'S HOPES FOR YOU WERE.
WH... WHY... BIG BROTHER ...?
ENOUGH!
IF YOU CONTINUE TO SPEAK THIS NONSENSE, YOU'RE GOING TO PRISON.
SSH


WELL, WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO?!
THIS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
CAPTAIN.
GIVE THE ARREST ORDER !!
STOP IT! BROTHER!
!
TWITCH
THUMP

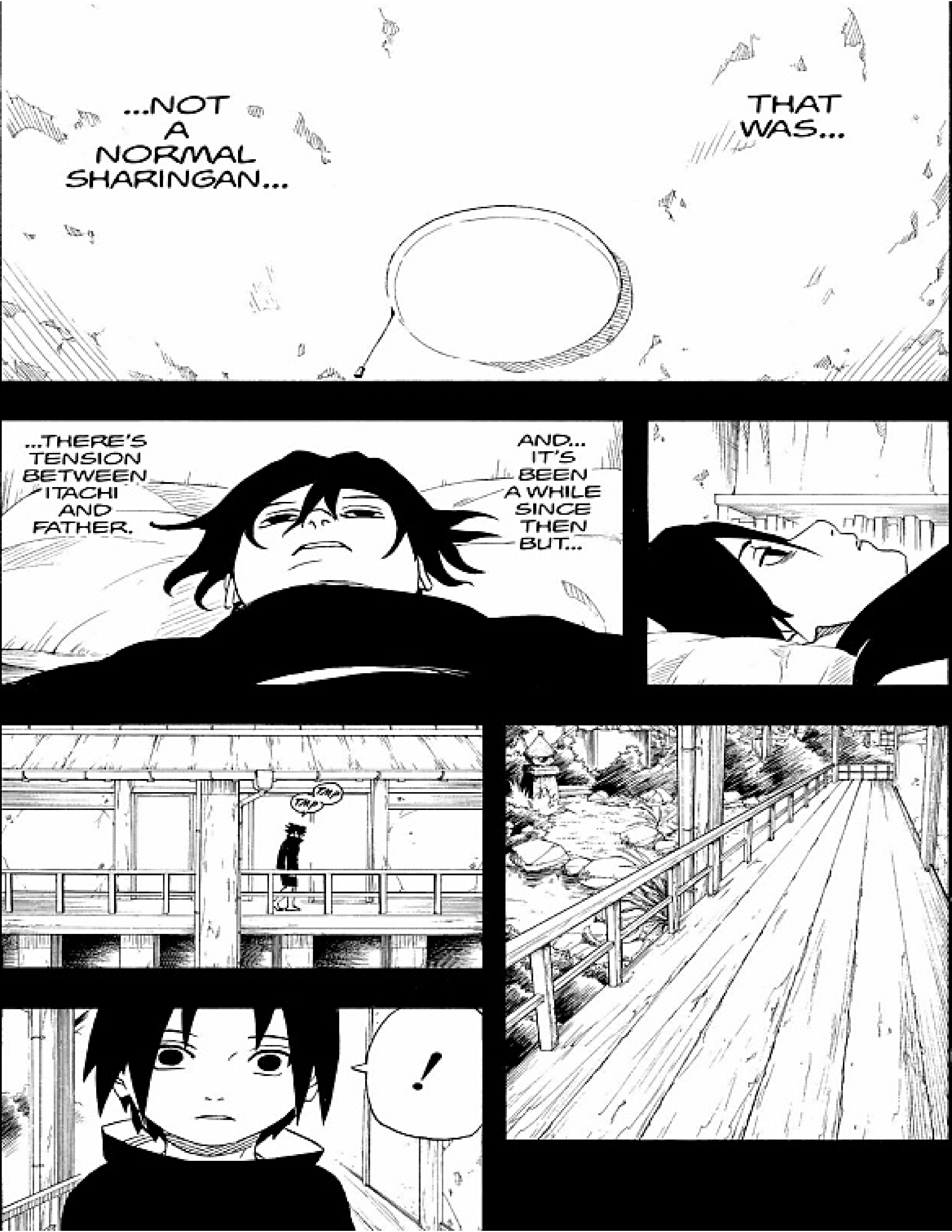

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...I DID NOT KILL SHISUI...
BUT I APOLOGIZE FOR...
...MY INAPPROPRIATE REMARKS ... I'M VERY SORRY.
...
...LATELY...
...THE HEAVY MISSION LOAD FOR THE ANBU APPEARS TO HAVE TIRED HIM OUT...
... CAPTAIN !!
ANBU IS UNDER LORD HOKAGE'S DIRECT CONTROL... EVEN WE CAN'T ARREST HIM WITHOUT A WARRANT.
AS FOR MY SON... I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIM.

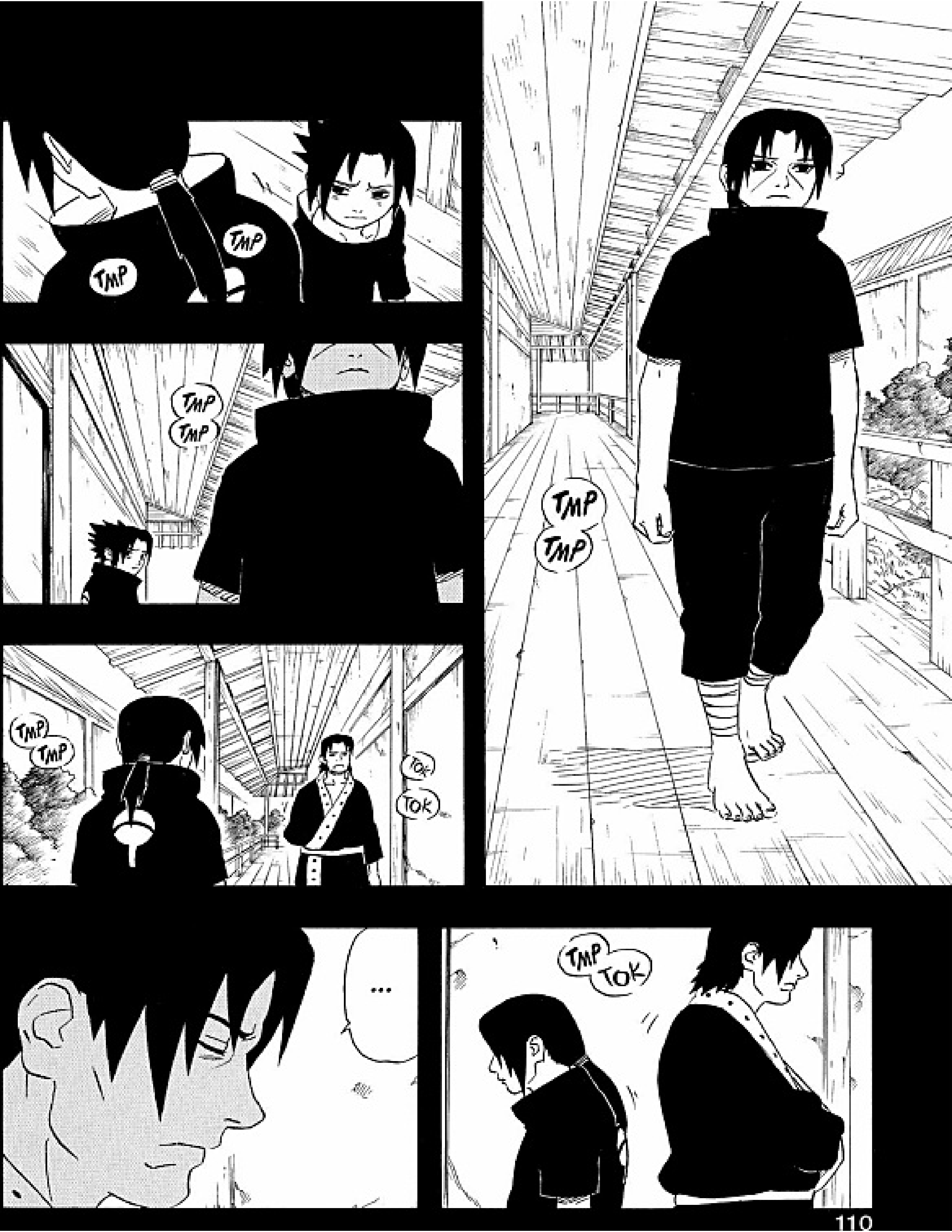

READ THIS WAY
PLEASE ...
...
UNDER-STOOD.
ITACHI... INSIDE.
TMP
TMP
...!


NARUTO
TM


Number 223:
Father and Son


?!!
WHAT WAS THAT...? MY BROTHER'S EYES...


THAT WAS...
...NOT A NORMAL SHARINGAN...
AND... IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THEN BUT...
...THERE'S TENSION BETWEEN ITACHI AND FATHER.
TMP
TMP
!


TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TOK
TOK
TMP
TOK
...


READ THIS WAY
GLANCE
!
GOOD MORNING...
FATHER...
...
OH...
GOOD MORNING.
HOW'S SCHOOL GOING LATELY?
I'M BORED WITH CLASSES AT SCHOOL...
...'CAUSE I'M ALWAYS NUMBER ONE...


FOOOOOM
VMMM
!
WOW... AMAZ-ING!
THIS IS BASIC UCHIHA NINJUTSU.
FIRE STYLE! GÔKAKYŪ NO JUTSU!! FIREBALL TECH-NIQUE!!
THE SIGN IS AS I JUST TAUGHT YOU.
BUILD UP CHAKRA, HOLD IT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN YOUR MOUTH AND CHEST...
...AND THEN BLAST IT OUT IN A SINGLE BREATH.


READ THIS WAY
GOT IT!!
FWP
SHUP SHUP
FATHER IS GIVING ME DIRECT JUTSU IN-STRUC-TION.
SHUP SHUP
FINALLY ...I'M GAIN-ING HIS RECOG-NITION!
SHUP SHUP
I CAN'T LET HIM DOWN!!
...
HMMP
I CAN DO IT...!

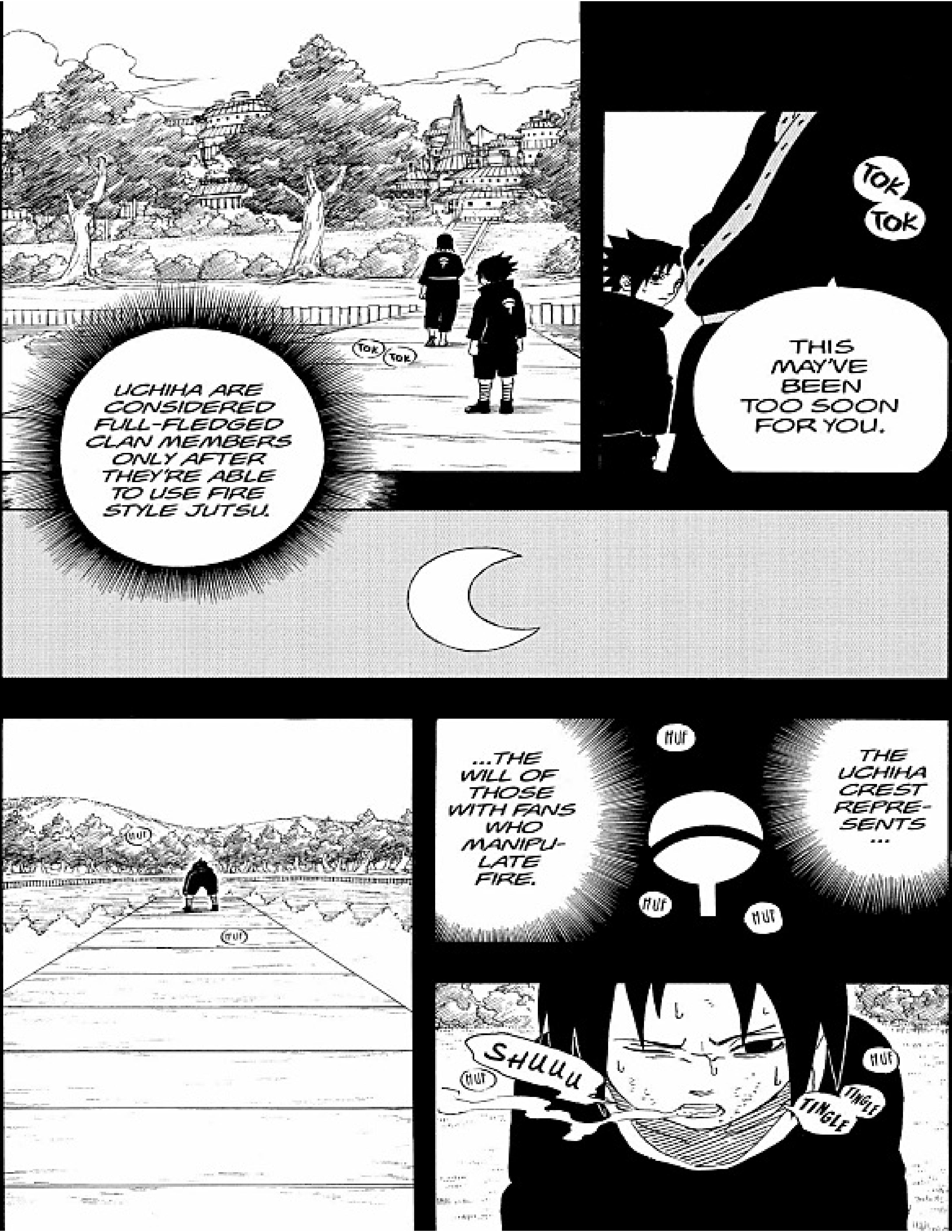
POFF


...


...
FIZZZ


...I THOUGHT SO...
...NOT QUITE LIKE IT WAS WITH ITACHI...


...



TOK
TOK
THIS MAY'VE BEEN TOO SOON FOR YOU.
TOK
TOK
UCHIHA ARE CONSIDERED FULL-FLEDGED CLAN MEMBERS ONLY AFTER THEY'RE ABLE TO USE FIRE STYLE JUTSU.
HUF
THE UCHIHA CREST REPRESENTS...
...THE WILL OF THOSE WITH FANS WHO MANIPULATE FIRE.
HUF
HUF
HUF
HUF
SHUUU
TINGLE
TINGLE
HUF
HUF

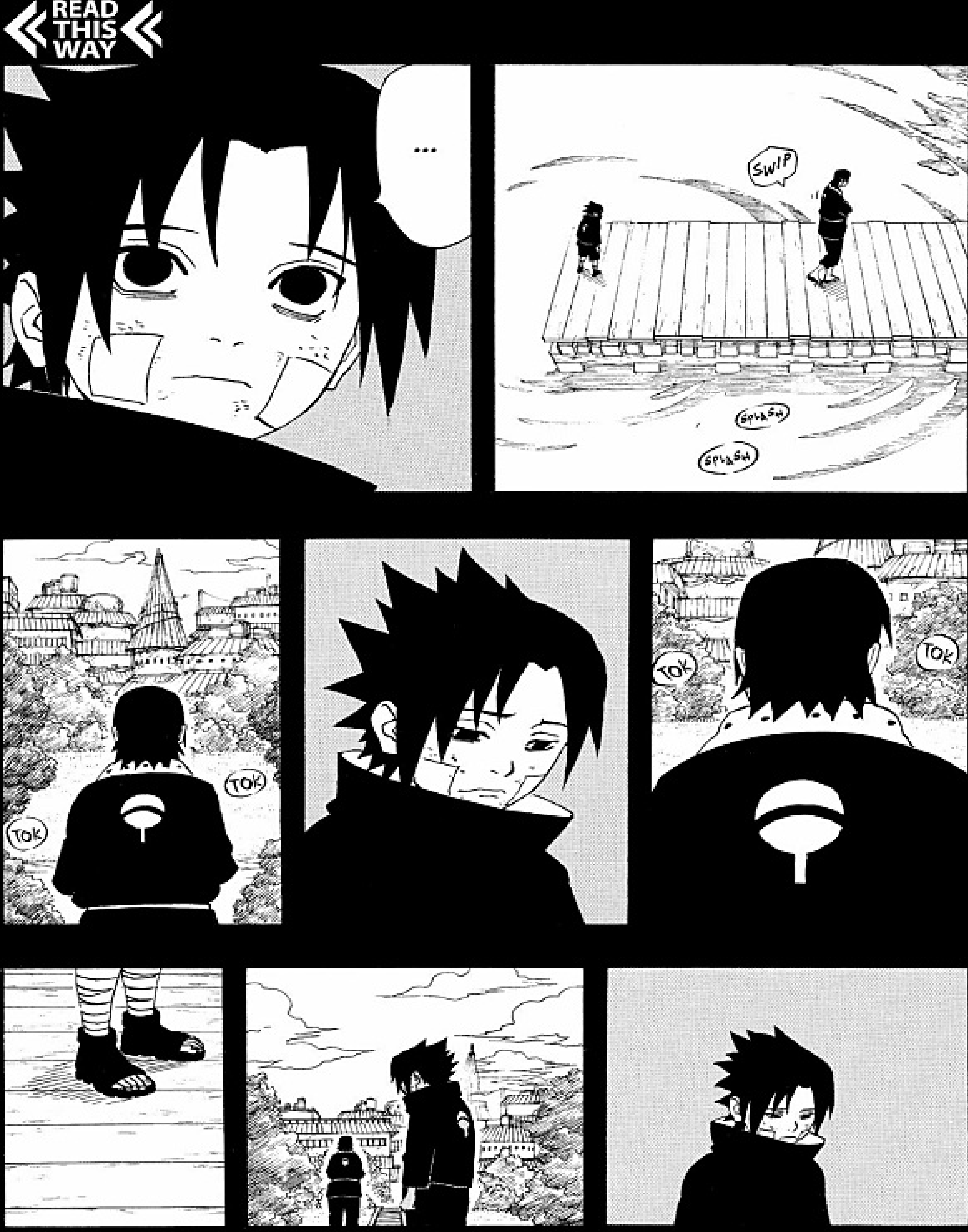

FATHER.
!
...
PLEASE CHECK MY JUTSU AGAIN.
IT WAS TOO EARLY TO TEACH YOU THAT.
TEACHING IT AGAIN ONLY A WEEK LATER WILL BRING THE SAME RESULT.
NO, IT WON'T...
?

READ THIS WAY

I MASTERED THAT JUTSU...
I WANT YOU TO SEE IT.
SHUP
SHUP
HAAA
I CAN'T MESS THIS UP.
FIRE STYLE! GÔKAKYÛ NO JUTSU! FIREBALL TECH-NIQUE!!



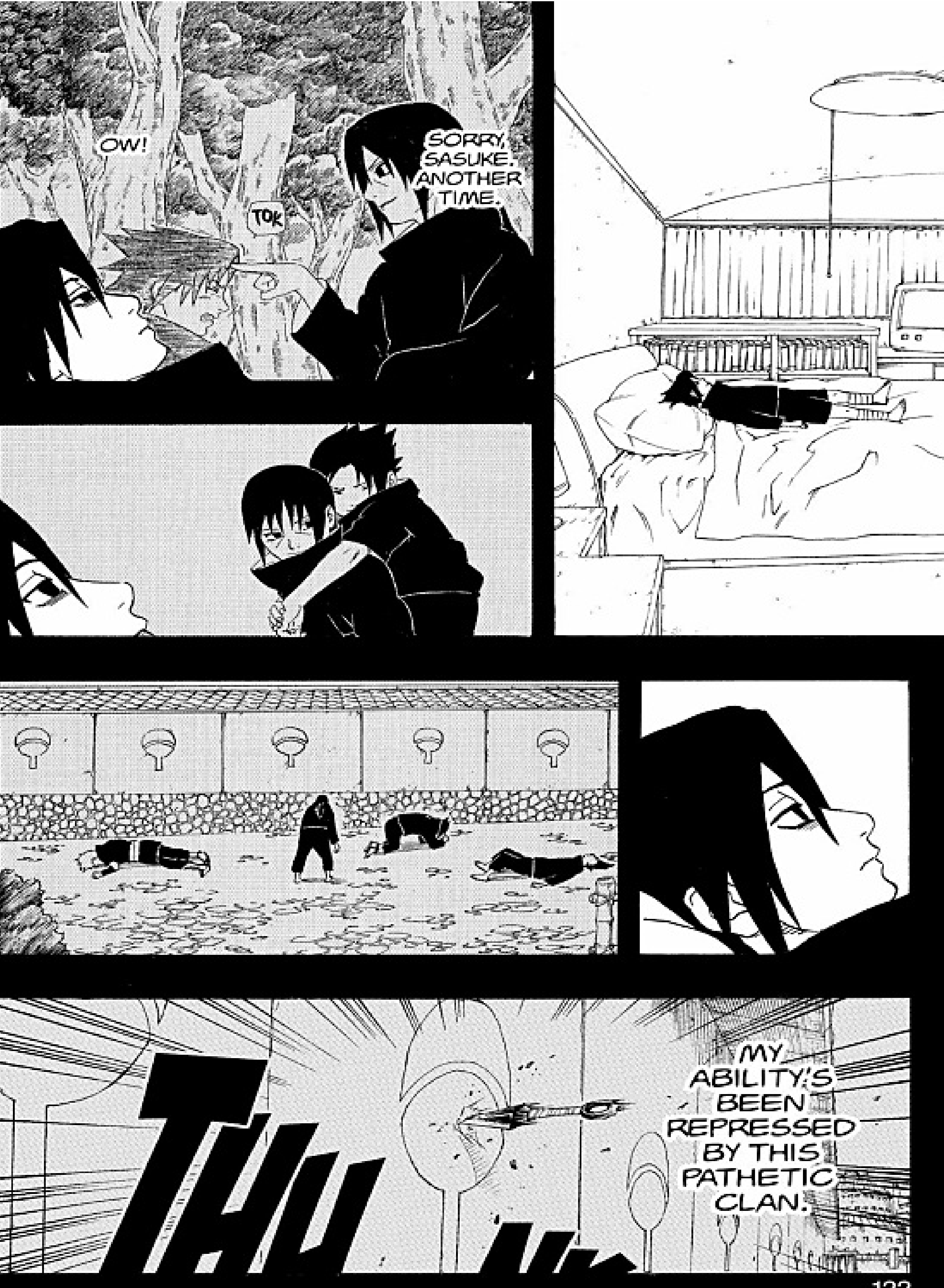
FOOOM
SHPOOF
SHUUUUU
...


READ THIS WAY
SWIP
SPLASH
SPLASH
...
TOK
TOK
TOK
TOK


...THAT'S MY BOY.
WELL DONE ...
FROM NOW ON, LIVE UP TO THE CREST ON YOUR BACK, BETTER YOURSELF AND SOAR TO GREAT HEIGHTS.

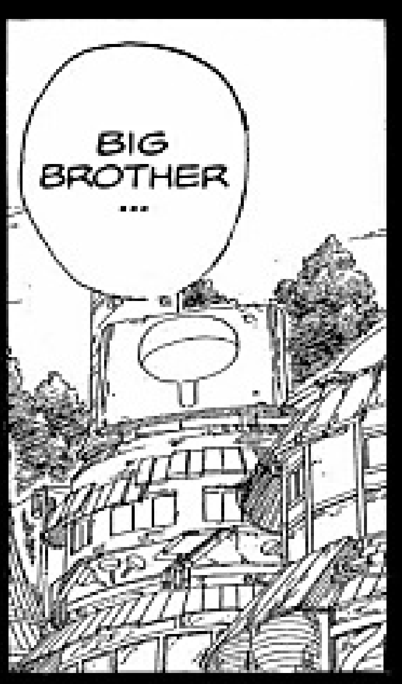


I WILL!!
AND...
ONE MORE THING...
DON'T FOLLOW YOUR BROTHER ANY-MORE...
?!
!!

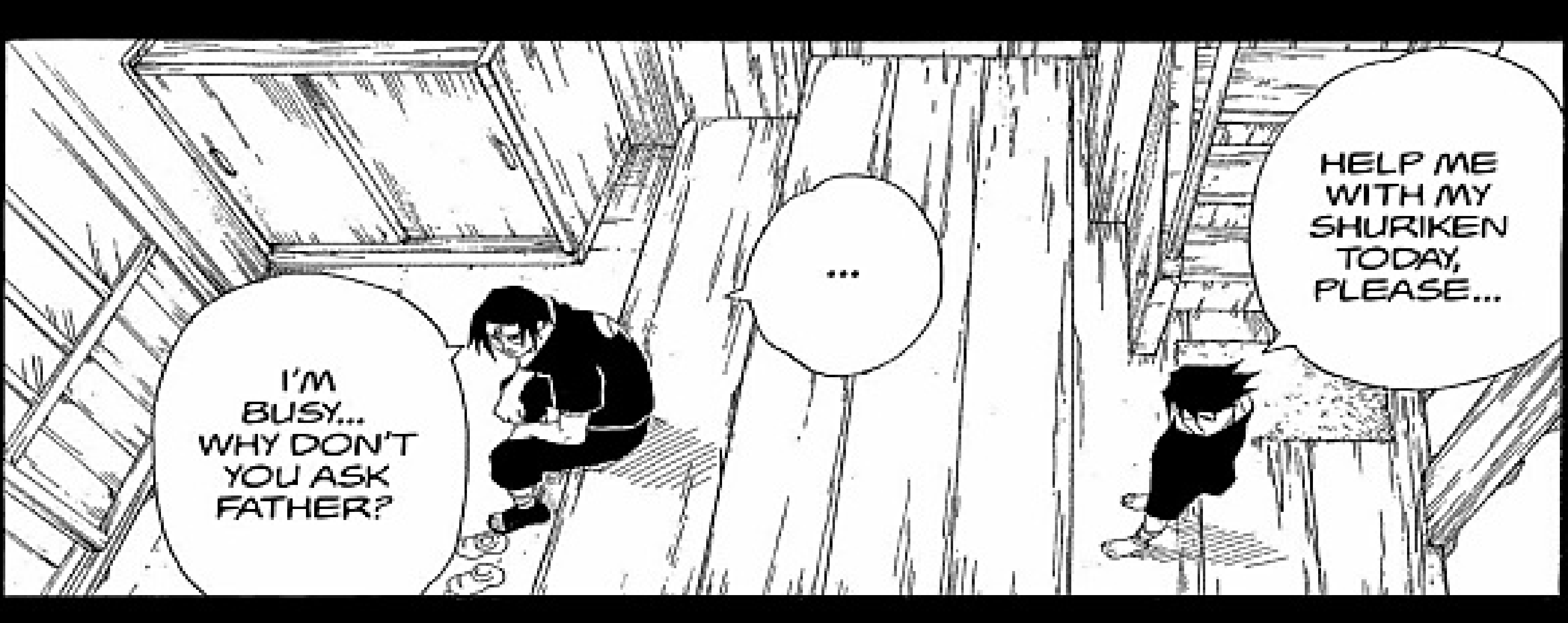

SORRY, SASUKE. ANOTHER TIME.
OW!
TOK
MY ABILITY'S BEEN REPRESSED BY THIS PATHETIC CLAN.
THU...


READ
THIS
WAY


EVER SINCE THAT DAY...
...ITACHI DOESN'T SEEM LIKE MY BROTHER ANY-MORE...


BIG BROTHER ...




HELP ME WITH MY SHURIKEN TODAY, PLEASE...
...
I'M BUSY... WHY DON'T YOU ASK FATHER?


BUT YOU'RE BETTER AT SHURIKEN JUTSU...
EVEN I CAN TELL THAT.
...WHY DO YOU ALWAYS TREAT ME LIKE SUCH A PEST?

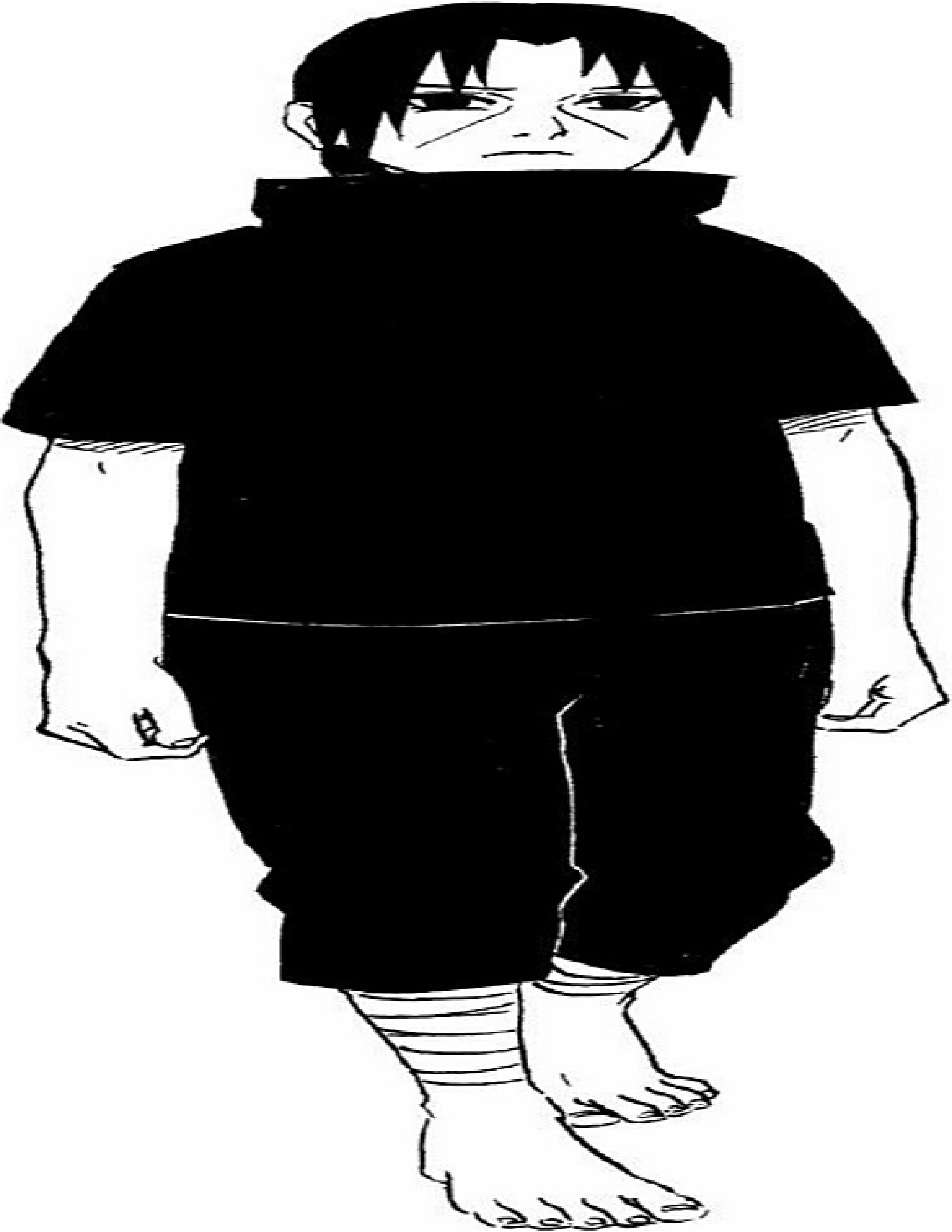

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...
TROT TROT



WHAP
SORRY, SASUKE ...
...MAYBE NEXT TIME.
OWW!
PFooo...
...
...I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.
SHWU
YOU ALWAYS SAY *SORRY, SASUKE* AND JAB ME IN THE FORE-HEAD...
...AND YOU NEVER HAVE TIME. IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME STORY.
CHAK


THAT'S A RELIEF...
I GUESS HE'S STILL THE SAME AS ALWAYS...
SHF
...
BROTHER...




Number 224:
That Day...!!


MOM...
!
I WONDER WHAT FATHER...
...REALLY THINKS OF ITACHI AND ME...
...WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT...?
...

READ THIS WAY

THE OTHER DAY...

FATHER SAID, *THAT'S MY BOY.*

THAT'S WHAT FATHER ALWAYS SAYS TO ITACHI.

...SO I WAS REALLY HAPPY.

WELL ...

THAT'S GREAT.

BUT... FATHER AND ITACHI AREN'T GETTING ALONG LATELY SO...

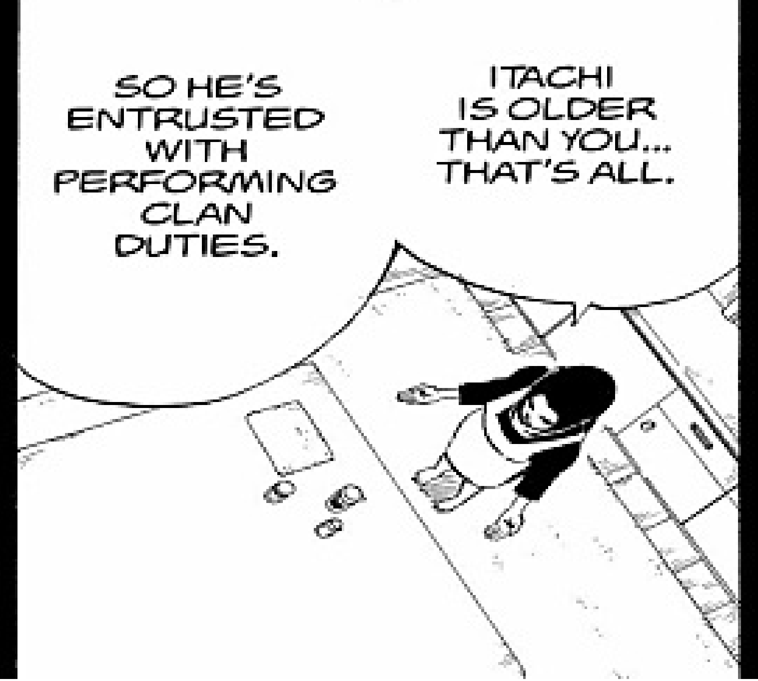
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ITACHI IS WHO HE IS, AND YOU'RE WHO YOU ARE.
FATHER CARES ABOUT BOTH OF YOU.
THEN WHY IS EVERYTHING ALWAYS ABOUT ITACHI...?!
...THAT'S NOT TRUE.
BUT AS CLAN LEADER...
FATHER IS IN A POSITION OF RESPON-SIBILITY TO PROTECT THE CLAN.
YEAH... SO WHAT?



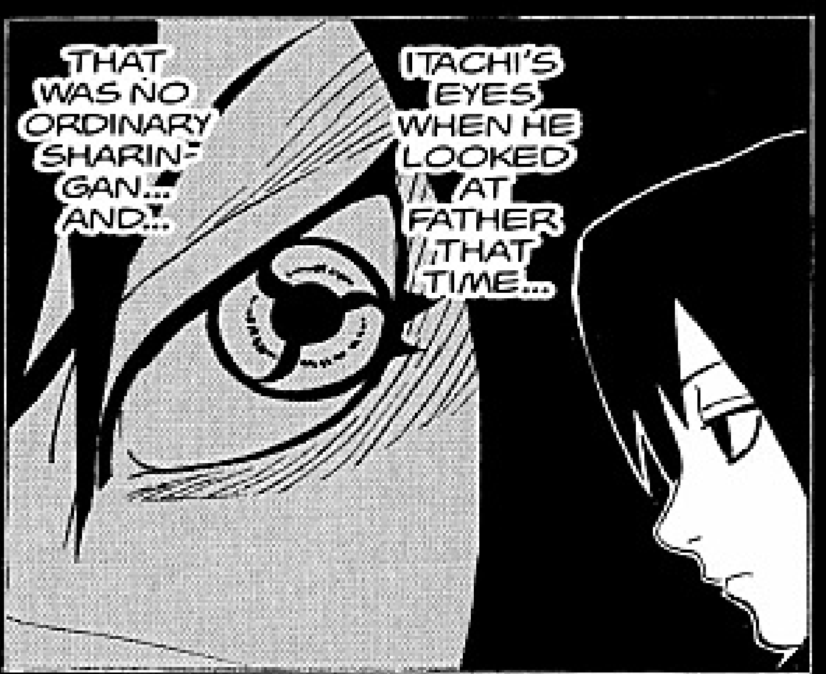


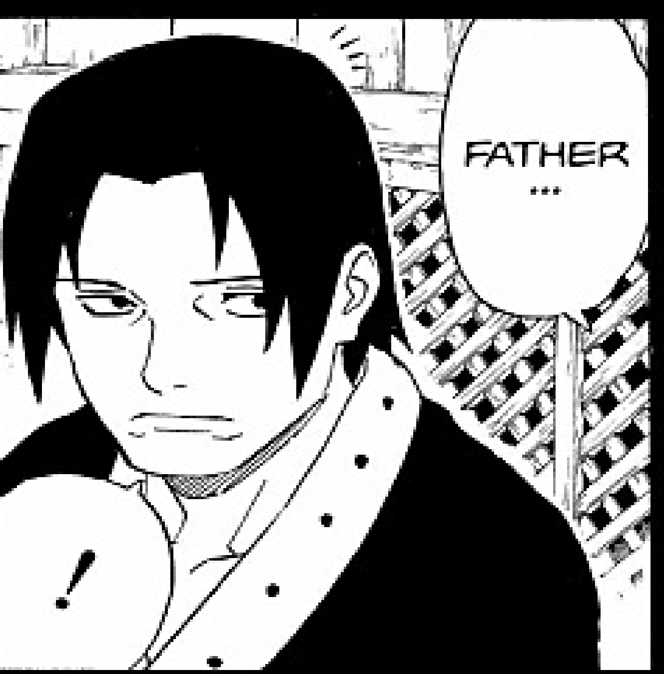

READ THIS WAY
...
BUT, YOU KNOW FATHER... ALWAYS SULLEN-LOOKING AND AWKWARD.
...
BUT JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME... WHEN WE TALK...
...HE TALKS ABOUT YOU ALL THE TIME.
!
CHAK


CLINK
CLANK

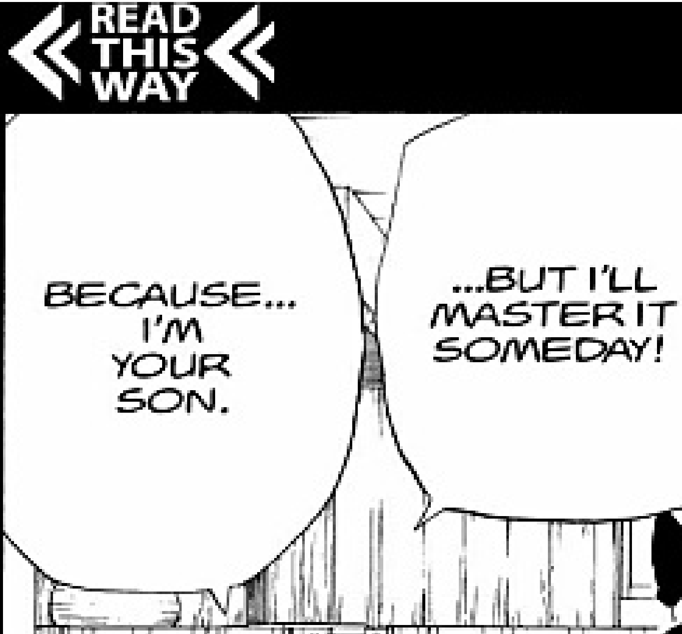



...BUT WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN FATHER AND ITACHI...?


ITACHI'S EYES WHEN HE LOOKED AT FATHER THAT TIME...
THAT WAS NO ORDINARY SHARIN-GAN... AND...


FATHER ...
!

READ THIS WAY







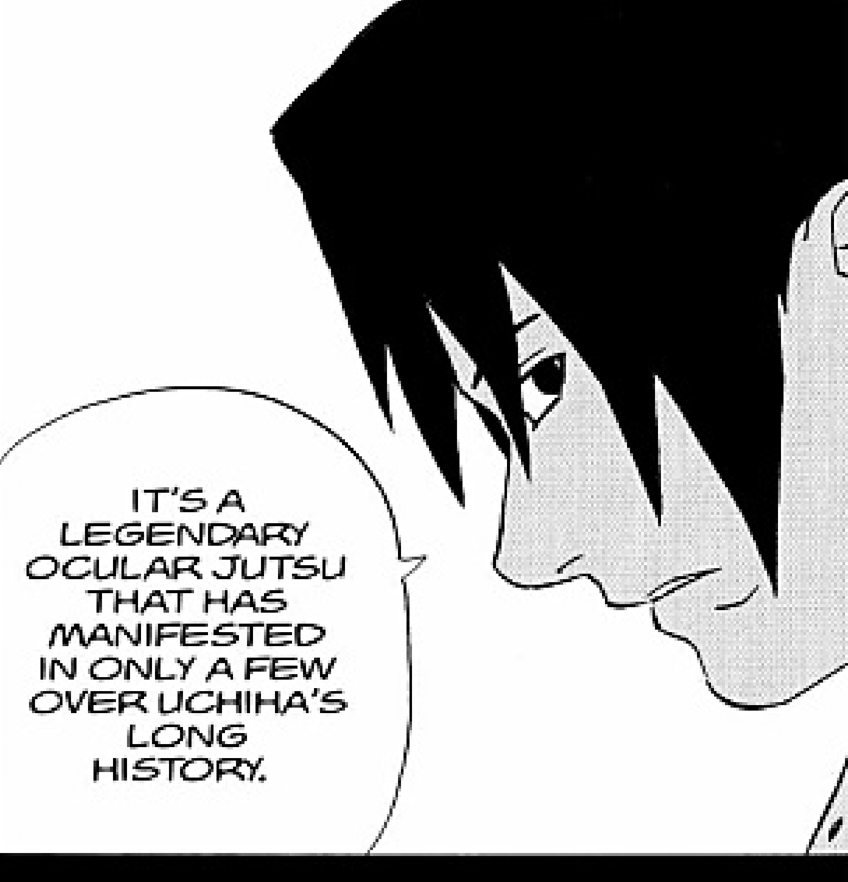


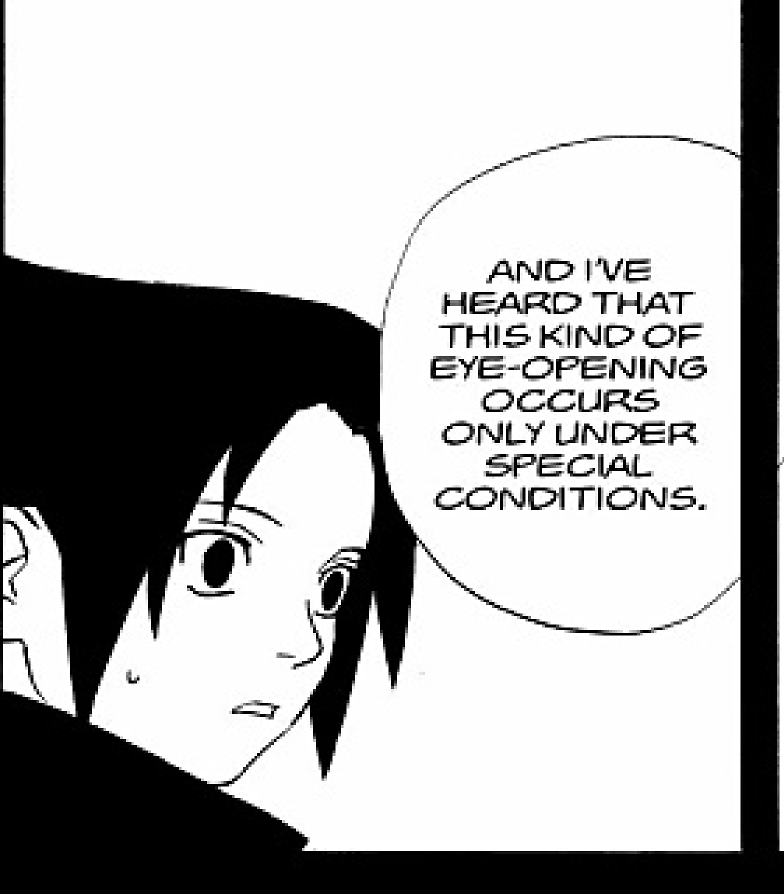




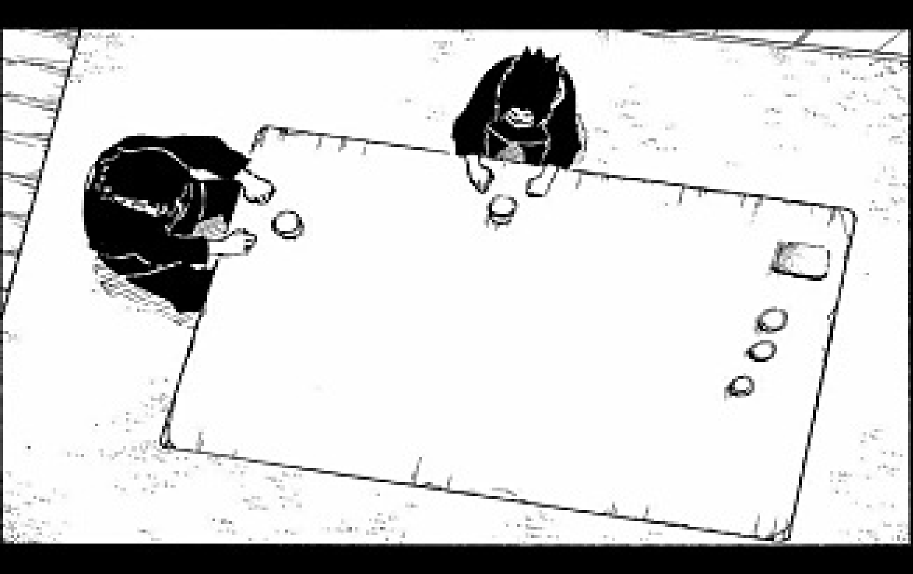





IT'S A LEGENDARY OCULAR JUTSU THAT HAS MANIFESTED IN ONLY A FEW OVER UCHIHA'S LONG HISTORY.


AND I'VE HEARD THAT THIS KIND OF EYE-OPENING OCCURS ONLY UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS.


...
SPECIAL CONDI-TIONS...



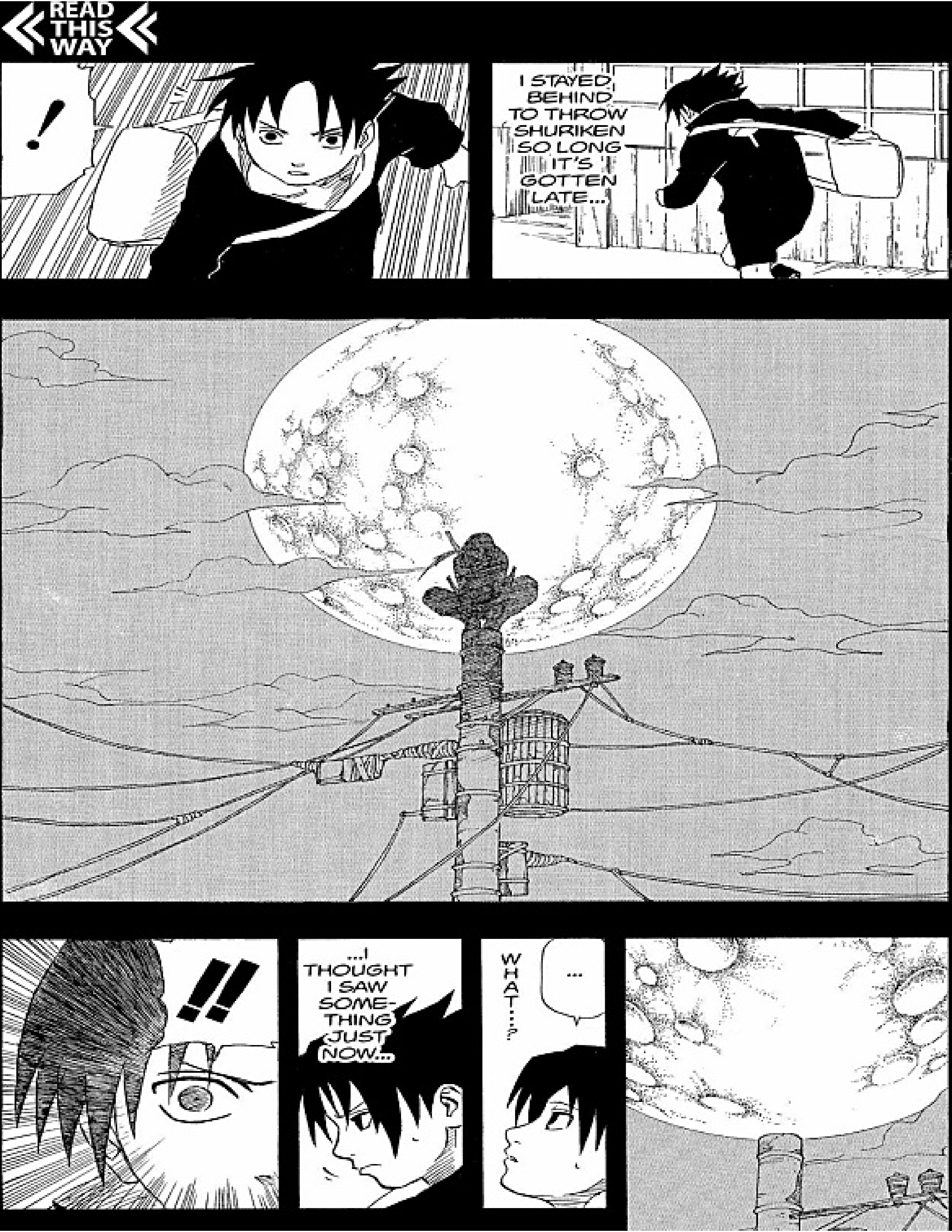

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DON'T FOLLOW YOUR BROTHER ANYMORE...


...
DON'T FOLLOW MY BROTHER ...?


READ THIS WAY
FATHER, WHY DOESN'T BIG BROTHER EVER LOOK AFTER ME?
...EVEN THOUGH I'M HIS LITTLE BROTHER ...
...
...
YOUR BROTHER'S ALWAYS BEEN A LITTLE DIFFERENT, SON...
HE DOESN'T LIKE TO GET TOO CLOSE TO PEOPLE.
WHY?
WHO KNOWS ...
I CAN'T EVEN READ HIM... HIS OWN FATHER...
...
I DIDN'T UNDER-STAND WHAT WAS HAPPENING THEN...


HERE, SASUKE! YOUR LUNCH.
IF YOU WANT SHURIKEN PRACTICE, I CAN HELP YOU WITH IT WHEN YOU GET HOME TODAY.
IT'S NOT PRACTICE, IT'S TRAINING!
I'M OFF!
WHAT A RELIEF... FATHER DIDN'T SEEM TO REALLY HATE ITACHI.
TROT
TROT
BIG BROTHER GRADUATED TOP SEAT FROM THE ACADEMY WHEN HE WAS ONLY SEVEN...
HE WAS ABLE TO USE THE SHARINGAN BY THE TIME HE WAS EIGHT... AND THEN WHEN HE WAS TEN, HE ROSE TO CHŪNIN RANK...
...BUT I HAVE THE SAME UCHIHA CLAN BLOOD IN ME AS MY BROTHER DOES.
I WON'T TAKE A BACK SEAT TO HIM!!


READ THIS WAY
I STAYED BEHIND TO THROW SHURIKEN SO LONG IT'S GOTTEN LATE...
!
...
WHAT...?
...I THOUGHT I SAW SOME-THING JUST NOW...
!!


虎視
WH... WHAT...
IS THIS...
WHAT'S GOING ON...?!!
FATHER! MOTHER!
SASUKE ...DON'T COME IN!
SKREE
!!
CREAK...

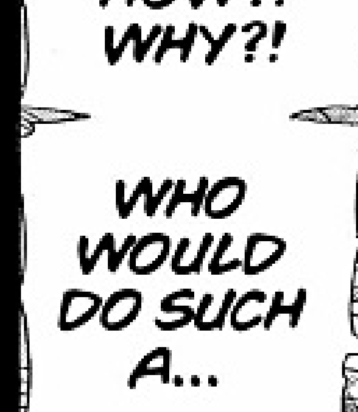
READ THIS WAY

FATHER!! MOTHER!!

FWIP





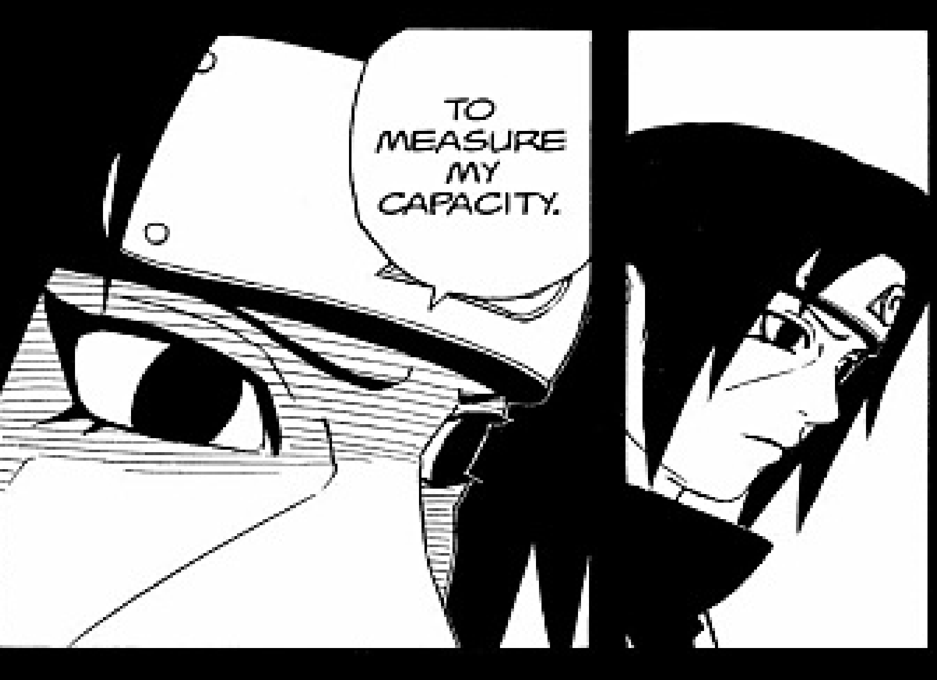




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THOCK
UGH...
SLASH
FOOLISH LITTLE BROTHER ...
...?!
HUNH...
THUMP
MAN-GEKYO SHARIN-GAN!!


GYAAAAHH...!!
...THAT'S...
...MY BOY.
WHEN WE TALK, HE TALKS ABOUT YOU...
...ALL THE TIME.
IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.
SORRY, SASUKE.
ANOTHER TIME.


...WHY...
...DID YOU...?


TO MEASURE MY CAPACITY.


MY ABILITY'S BEEN REPRESSED BY THIS PATHETIC CLAN.


...MEASURE YOUR CAPACITY...?
YOU... YOU KILLED THEM... FOR THAT?


READ THIS WAY
I HAD TO.
WHAT'S...
... WRONG WITH YOU?!
THOOM
TH UD


'FRAID...
DASH
AFRAID!
CLOMP
!
IT'S NOT TRUE.
MY BROTHER WOULDN'T DO THIS.
BECAUSE ...
PRETENDING TO BE THE KIND OF BROTHER YOU HOPED FOR...
...WAS TO DETERMINE YOUR ABILITY.
?!


READ THIS WAY


YOU'LL BECOME THE ONE THROUGH WHOM I CAN CONFIRM MY ABILITY.
YOU HAVE THAT POTEN-TIAL.
YOU'VE FELT ANGER AND HATED ME.
YOU'VE ALWAYS HOPED TO SURPASS ME, SO I'LL LET YOU LIVE...
...FOR MY SAKE.

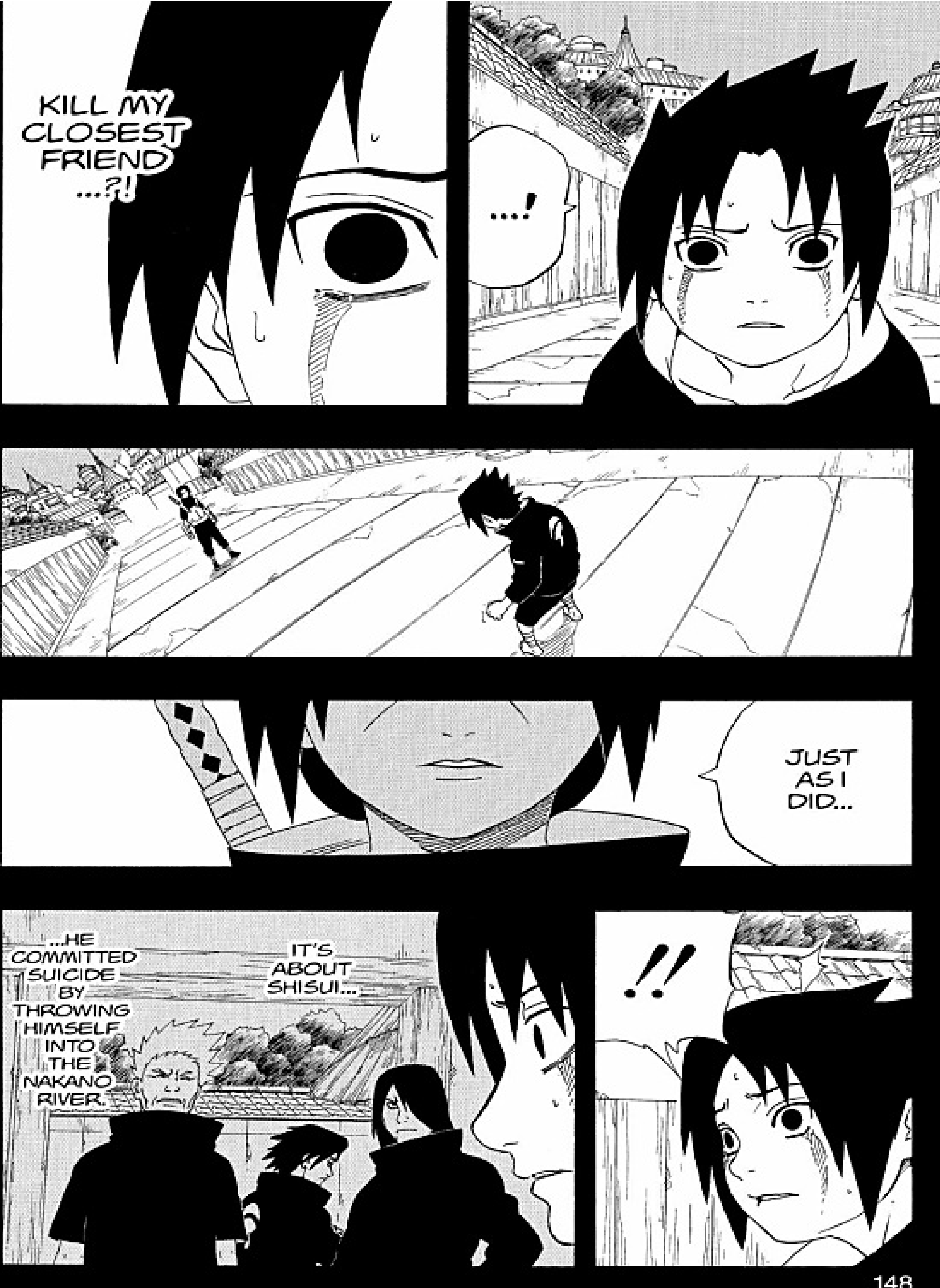

JUST LIKE ME, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO AWAKEN THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.
BUT THERE'S A CATCH.
...


YOU HAVE TO KILL...


...YOUR CLOSEST FRIEND.

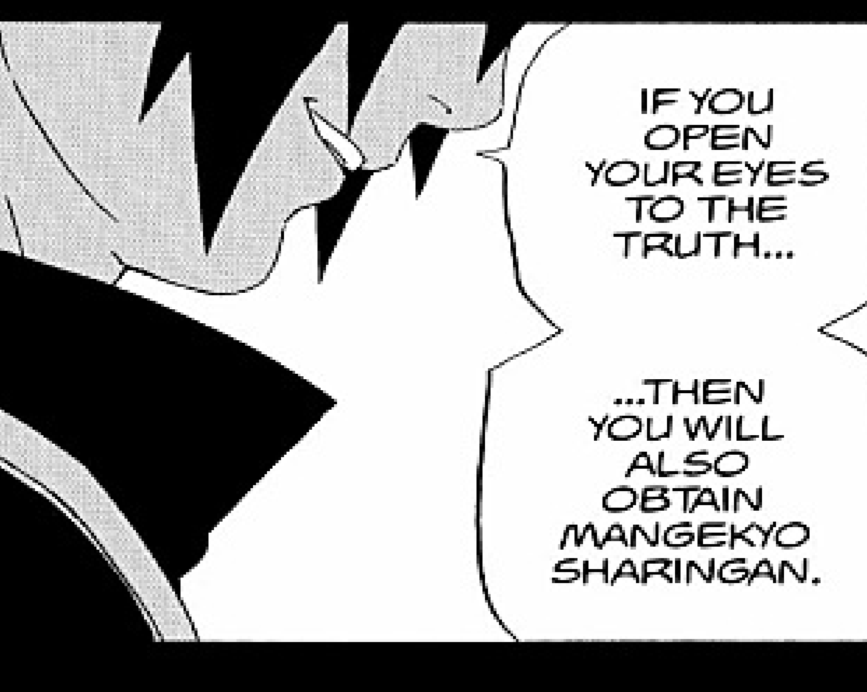

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Number 225: In Darkness...!!
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...!
KILL MY CLOSEST FRIEND ...?!
JUST AS I DID...
!!
IT'S ABOUT SHISUI...
...HE COMMITTED SUICIDE BY THROWING HIMSELF INTO THE NAKANO RIVER.


READ THIS WAY
WE KNOW THAT YOU...
...WERE LIKE BROTHERS.
... THAT WAS...
... YOU...
YOU...
...KILLED SHISUI?!
AND NOW I HAVE THE EYES.
...
IN THE NAKANO SHRINE'S MAIN HALL...
UNDER THE SEVENTH TATAMI MAT FROM THE FAR RIGHT, THERE'S A CLAN SECRET MEETING PLACE.
?!
THERE'S A REASON WE UCHIHA HAVE OCULAR JUTSU...

THE TRUTH IS WRITTEN THERE.











YOU... ARE NOT EVEN WORTH KILLING.

BABY BROTHER, YOU'RE PATHETIC.

IF YOU WANT TO KILL ME, SETTLE FOR HATING ME...

HATE ME AND LIVE...

...LIKE THE COWARD YOU ARE!

CLINGING TO LIFE WITHOUT HONOR!

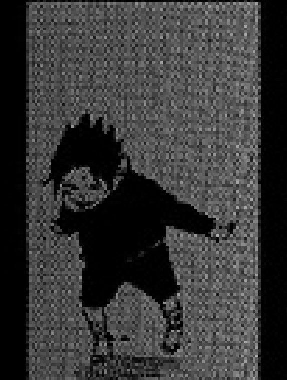
AND SOMEDAY, WHEN YOU HAVE THE SAME EYES AS I...

GLARE

...YOU WILL FIND ME AGAIN.







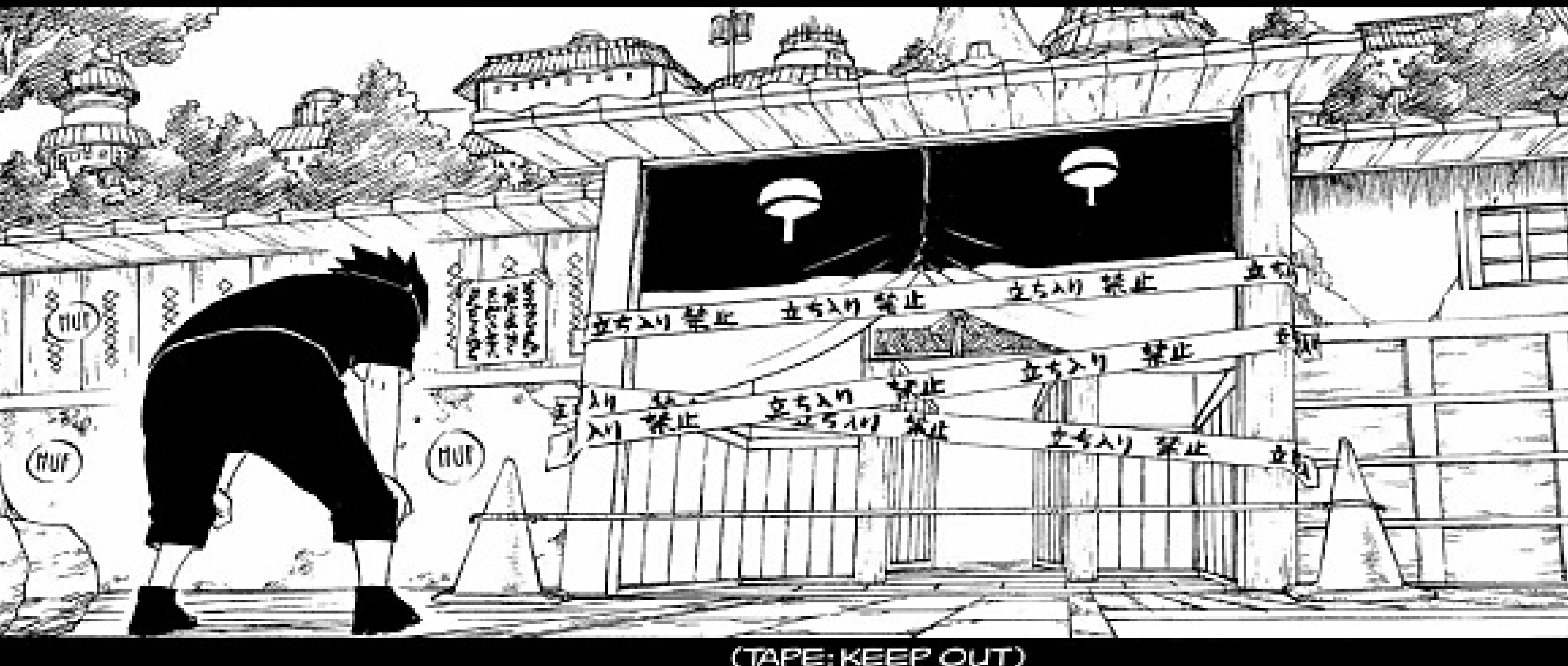

...DREAM...
HUP
HUP
HUP
OW!
ZING
SHF
...
THUNK
SNIP





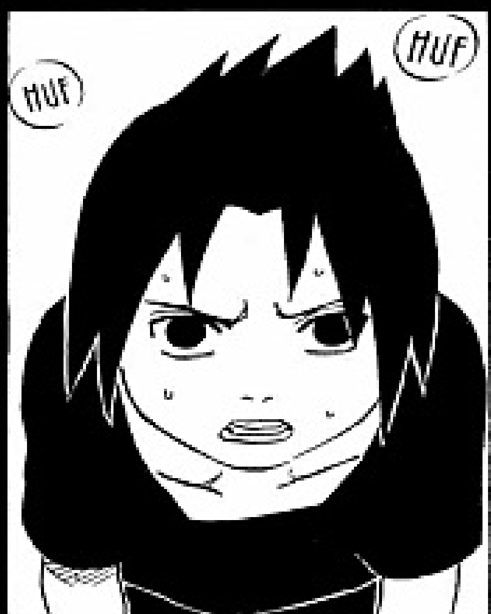


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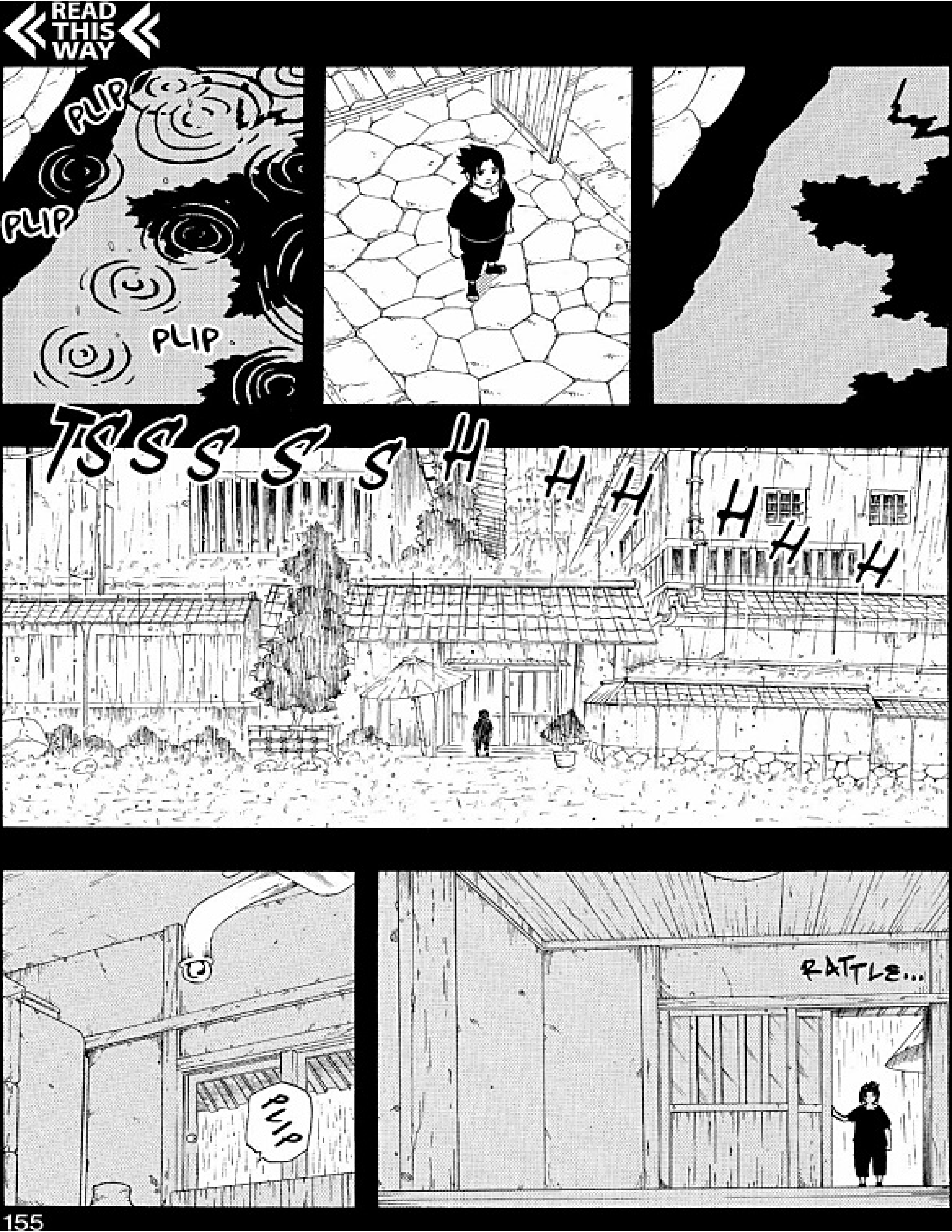
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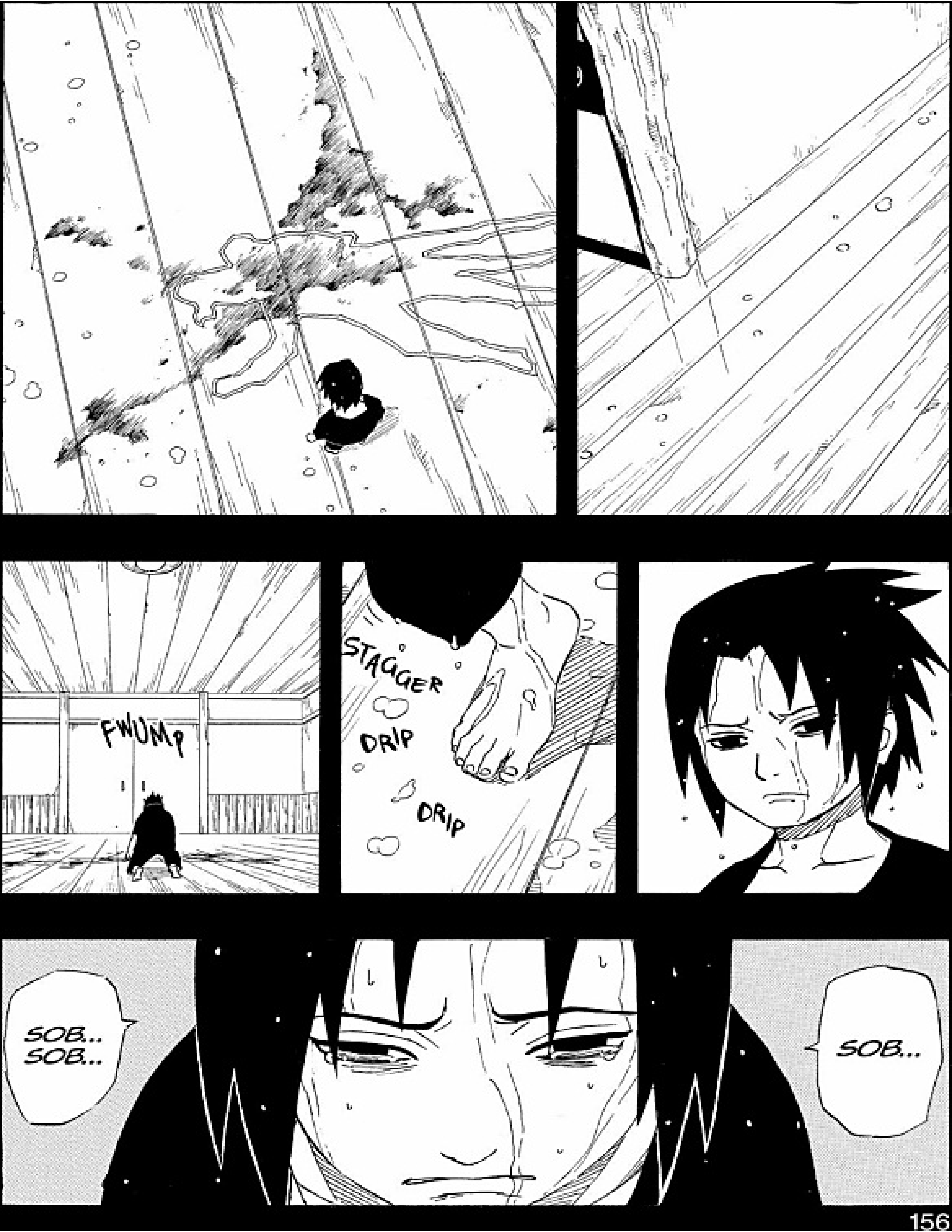







HELLO, SASUKE! WHAT'LL IT BE TODAY?
うちはせんべい
!
うちはせんべい


READ THIS WAY
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
TSSSSSHHHHHHH
RATTLE...
PLIP

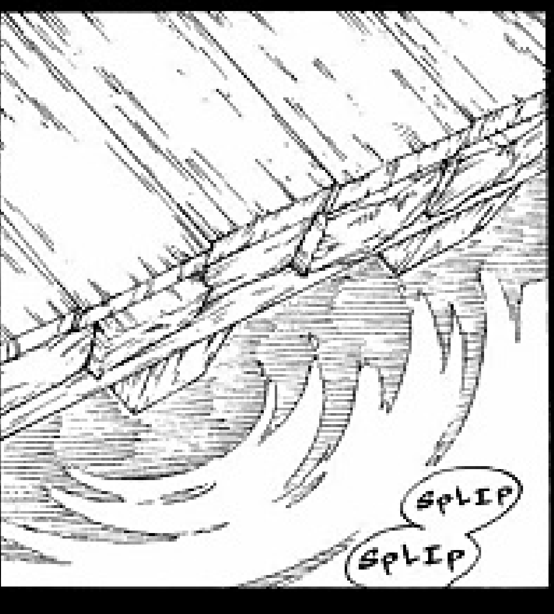

FWUMP
STAGGER
DRIP
DRIP
SOB...
SOB...
SOB...
SOB...

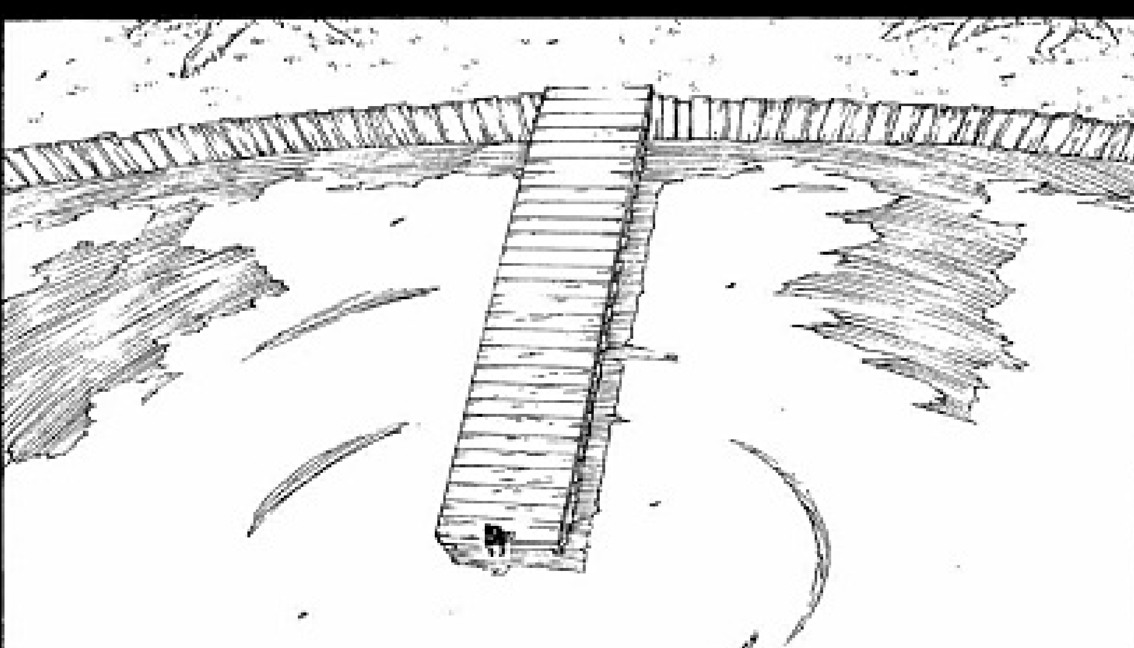

READ THIS WAY
TSSSHHHHHHH
TUMP
IN THE NAKANO SHRINE'S MAIN HALL...
UNDER THE SEVENTH TATAMI MAT FROM THE FAR RIGHT...
...THERE'S A CLAN SECRET MEETING PLACE.
I SEE...
SO THAT'S IT...


NINJA ACADEMY
忍
HEY, SHIKAMARU. WANNA GO TO THE CANDY STORE AFTER SCHOOL?
NAH... I CAN'T. YOUR MOM'S NICE SO IT'S OKAY FOR YOU BUT...
...IF MY MOM CATCHES ME BUYING MUNCHIES ON THE WAY HOME...
...I'M IN BIG TROUBLE...
DID YOU HEAR...? I HEARD THE WHOLE UCHIHA CLAN GOT KILLED.
YEAH... MY FATHER TOLD ME...


READ
THIS
WAY


I HEARD HE'S THE ONLY SURVIVOR.

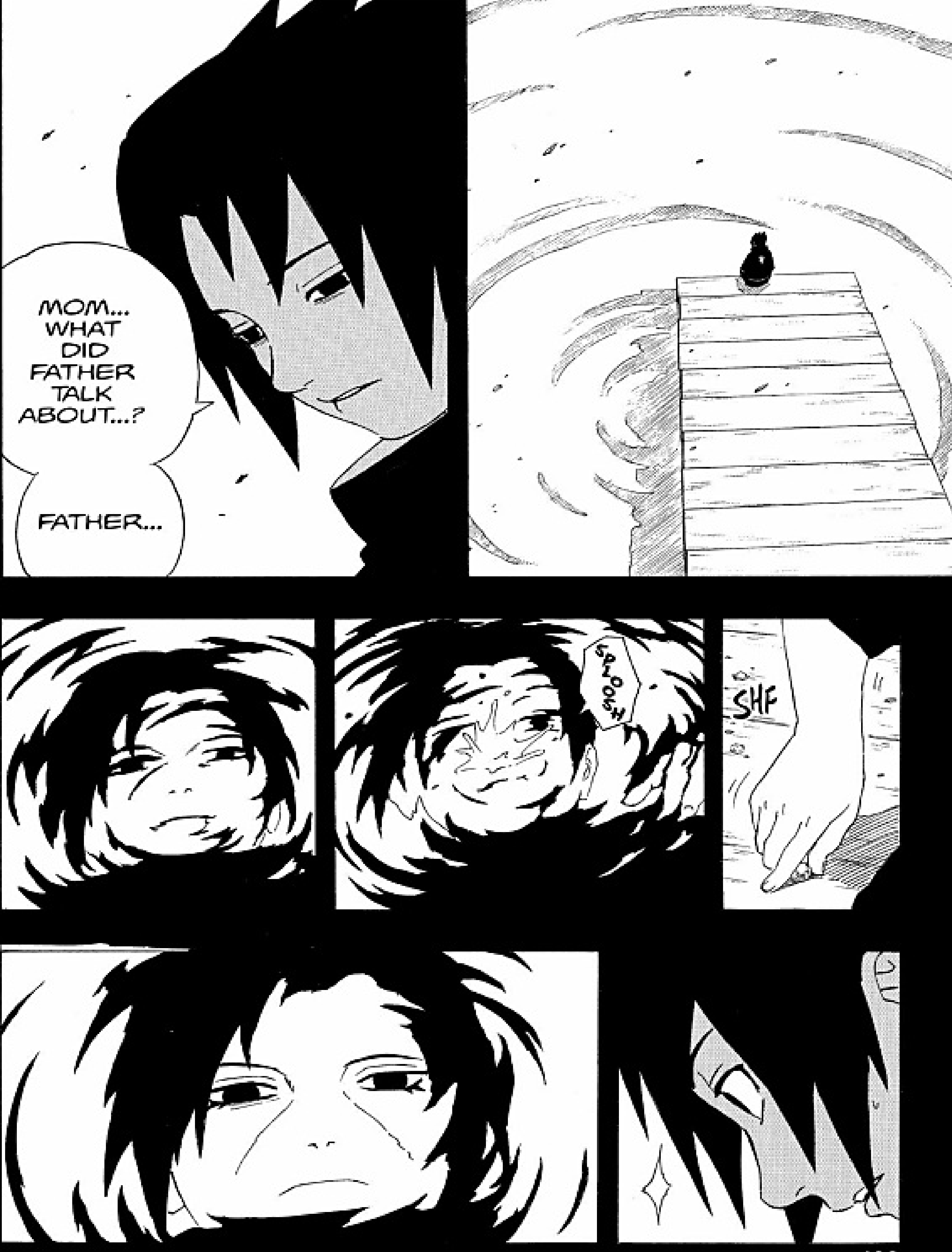

SPLIP
SPLIP






... THAT'S ...
...MY BOY.


HE TALKS ABOUT YOU ALL THE TIME.


MOM... WHAT DID FATHER TALK ABOUT...?
FATHER...
SHF
SPLOOSH







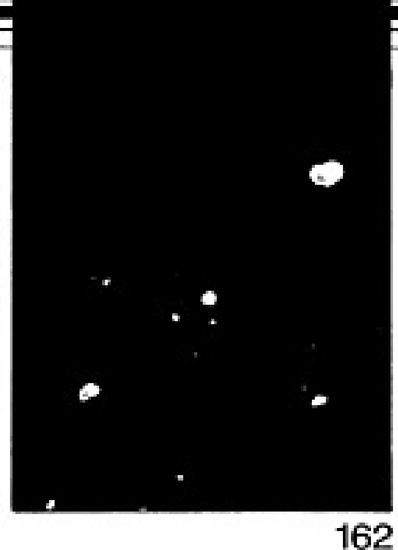


SPLASH

BIG BROTHER...

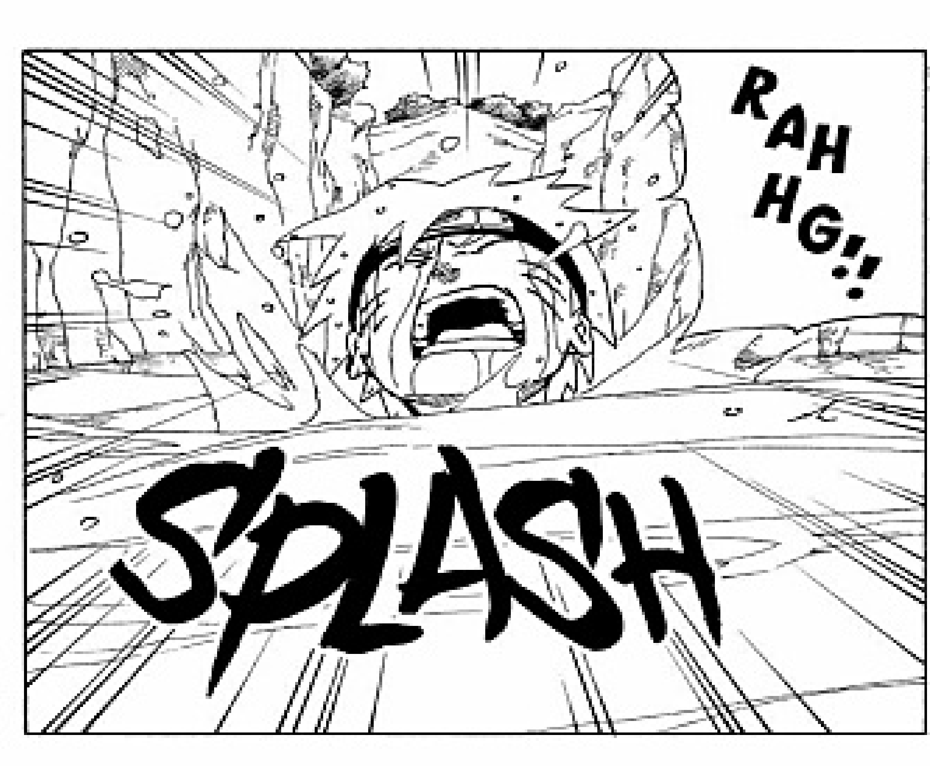
NO MATTER HOW DARK THE PATH, I WILL FORGE AHEAD IN ORDER TO KILL YOU!

NO MATTER WHAT, I WILL GAIN THE POWER!!

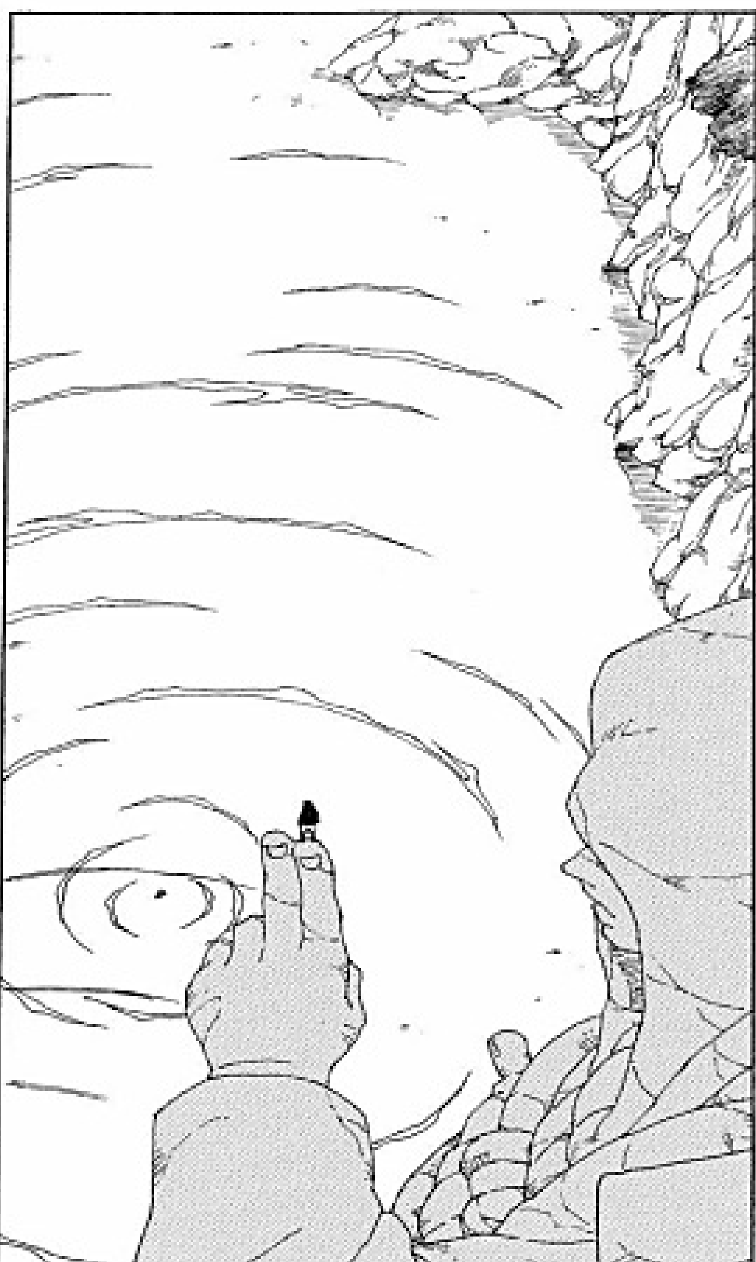





READ
THIS
WAY


RAH
HG!!
SPLASH


!




NEJI... LIKE YOU SAID...
...HE'S IN DARK-NESS.
SPLASH


...
PRETTY GOOD SHOT... SO IT'S FOR REAL, HUH...?











NO MATTER WHAT...

I WILL GAIN THE POWER.









...MY CLOSEST FRIEND.


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Number 226:
For a Friend...!!




NARUTO

RUMBLE


THEN WHY...?

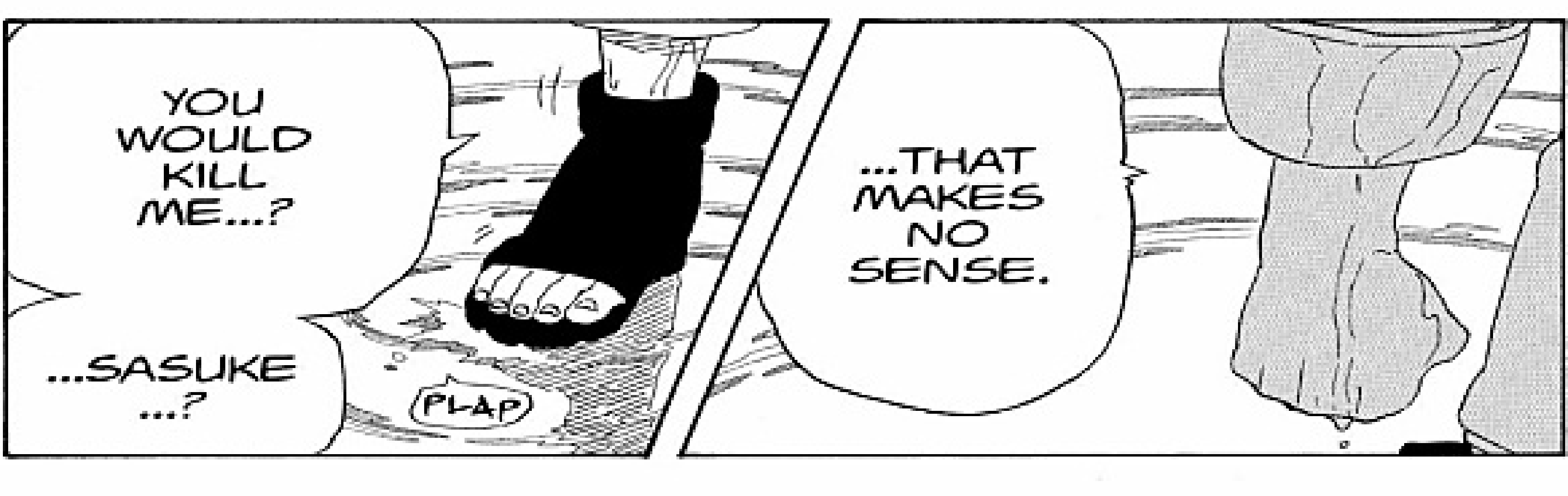

I BECAME YOUR FRIEND...?


THAT'S WHY...
...I MUST KILL YOU.

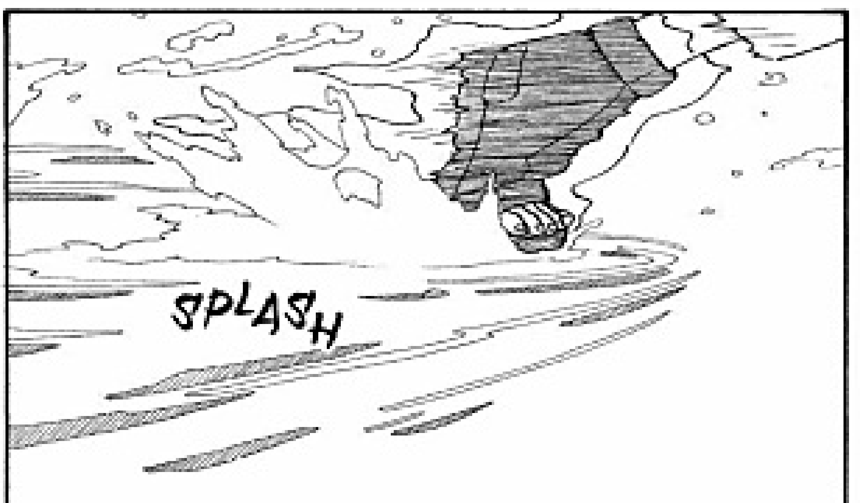

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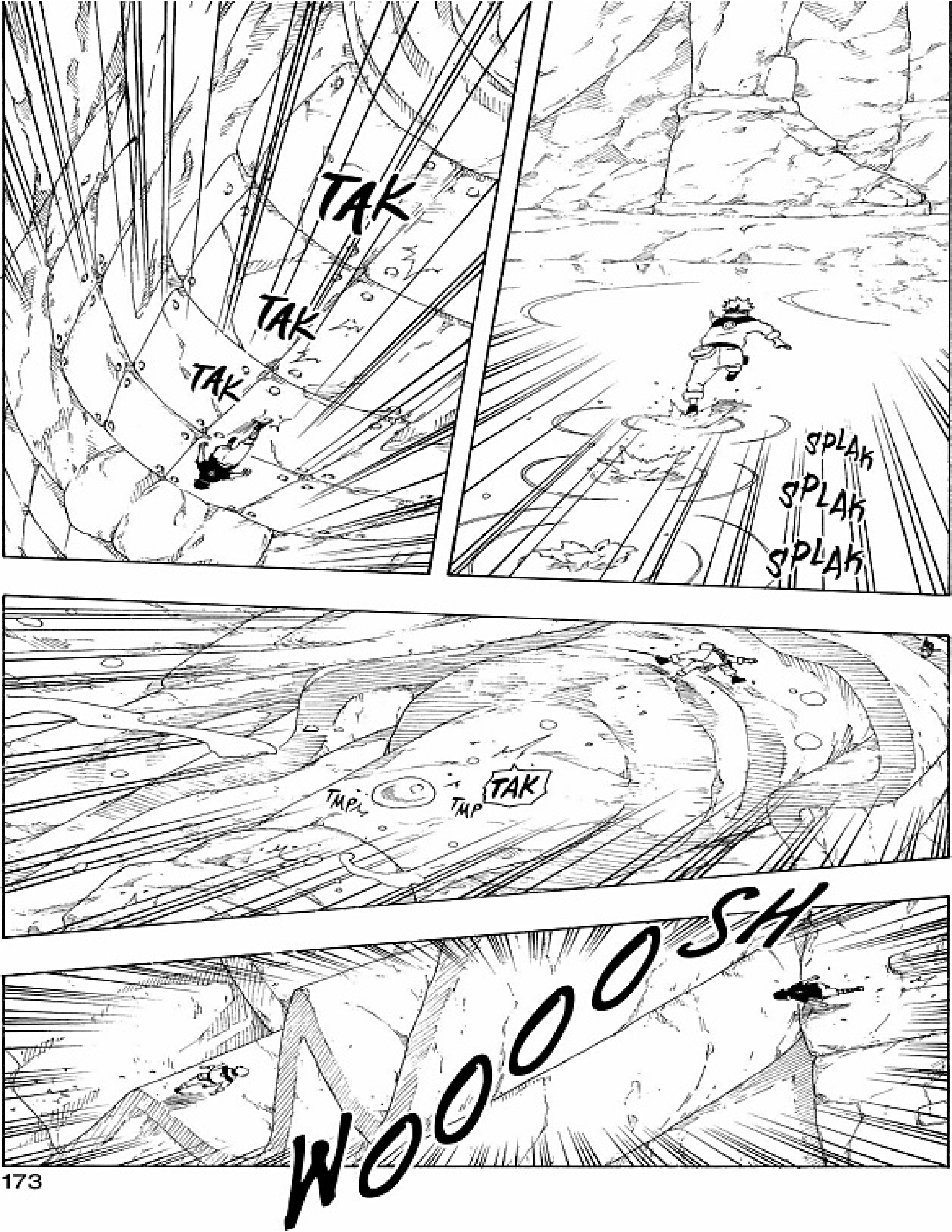

THAT IS WHY.




...THAT MAKES NO SENSE.
YOU WOULD KILL ME...?
...SASUKE ...?
PLAP



TAK

SPLASH



SPLAK
SPLAK
SPLAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TMP
TMP
TAK
WOOOOOSH


FWOO
THAK
!!
THOK
TAK

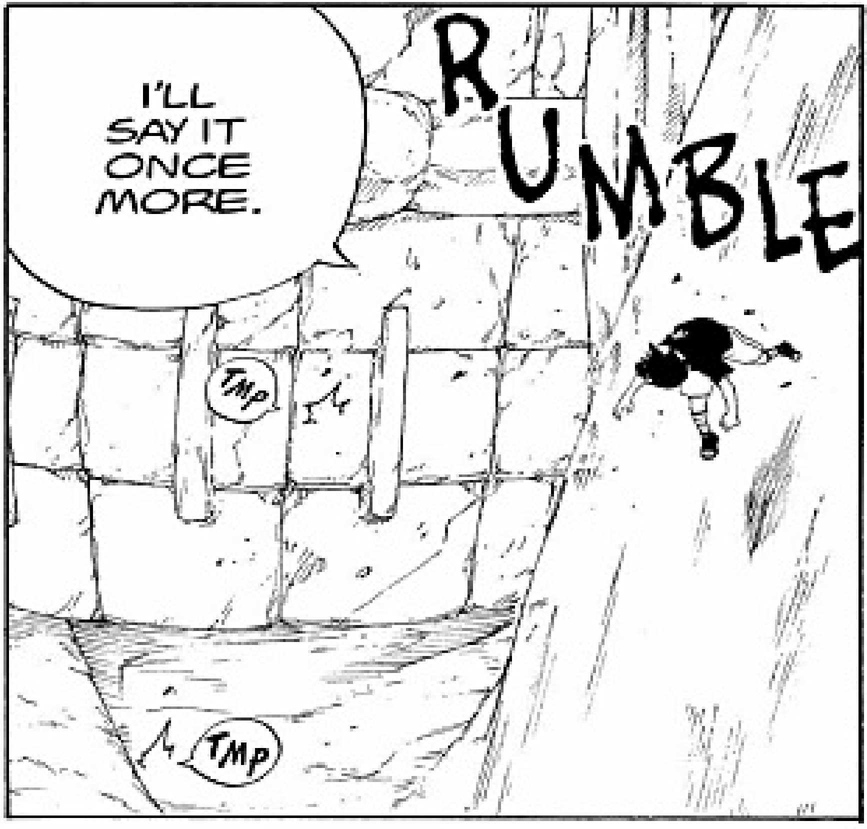

SHOOP
!
ZOOP
SHOO
TOK
CHAK
SHUU
SKIDD
CHINN
NG
SPLOOSH


!!
THWACK
SPAK-SPAK-SPAK-SPAK-SPAK
UGH!

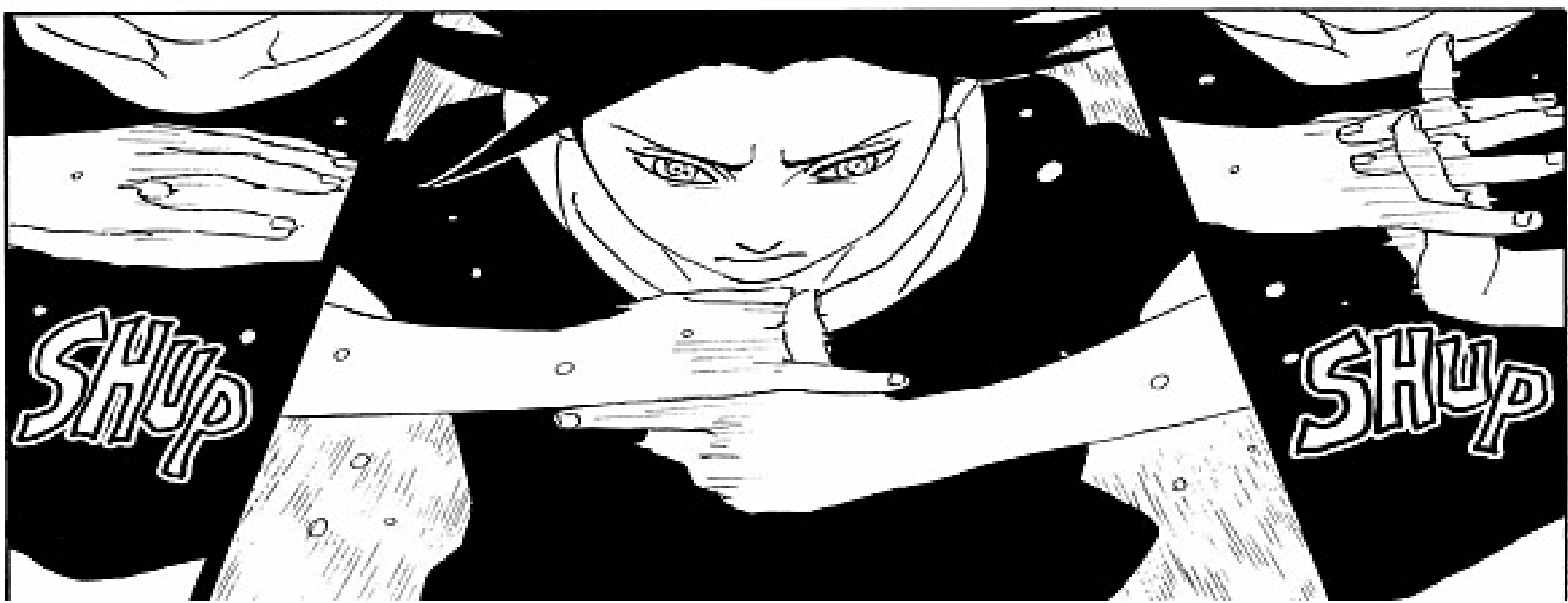

READ THIS WAY


LIKE I SAID...
YOU'VE ACTUALLY BEEN WAITING FOR THIS TOO, HAVEN'T YOU?
THERE'S NO KAKASHI OR SAKURA THIS TIME.


THERE'S NO ONE TO BUTT IN LIKE BEFORE.
...


RUMBLE
I'LL SAY IT ONCE MORE.
TMP
TMP

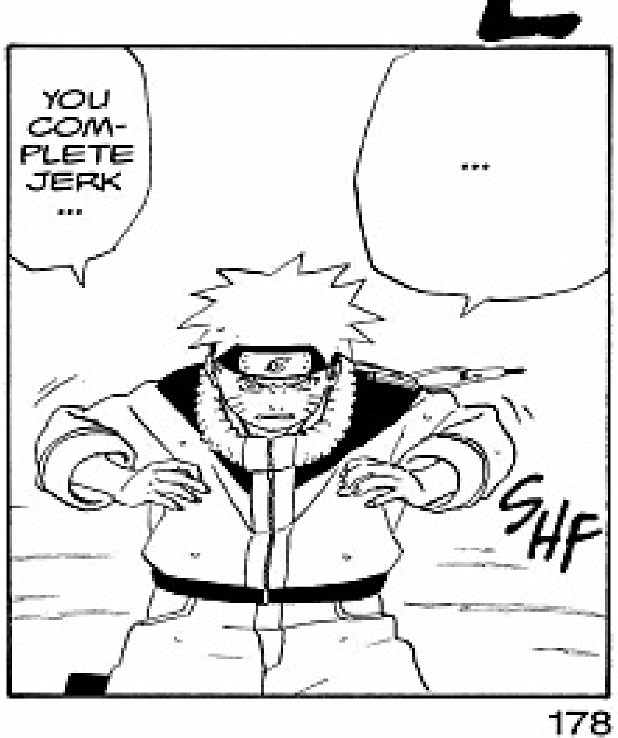

I'M GONNA KILL YOU.
SPLASH


SHUP
SHUP

RUMBLE

CHIDORI! 1000 BIRDS !!

WHOOM



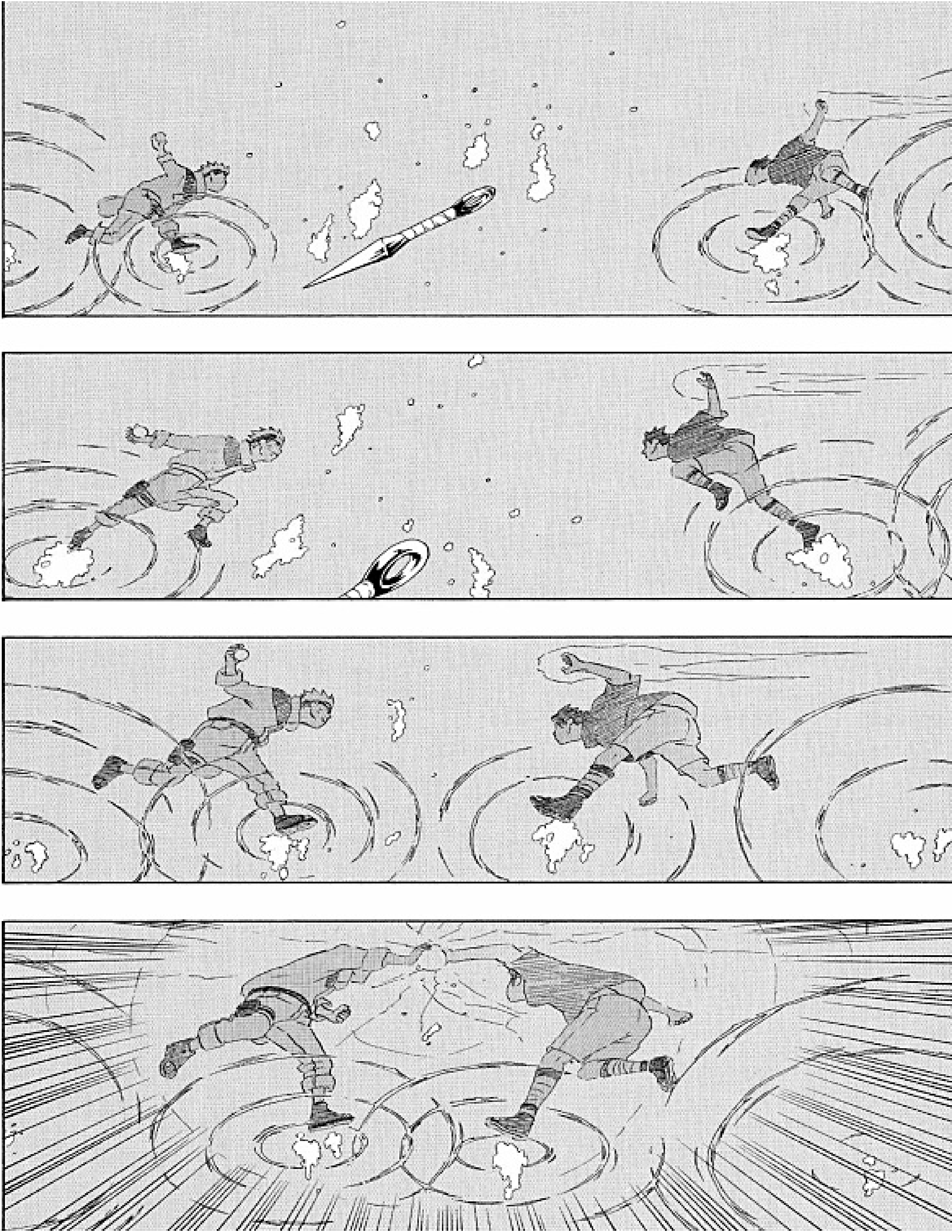


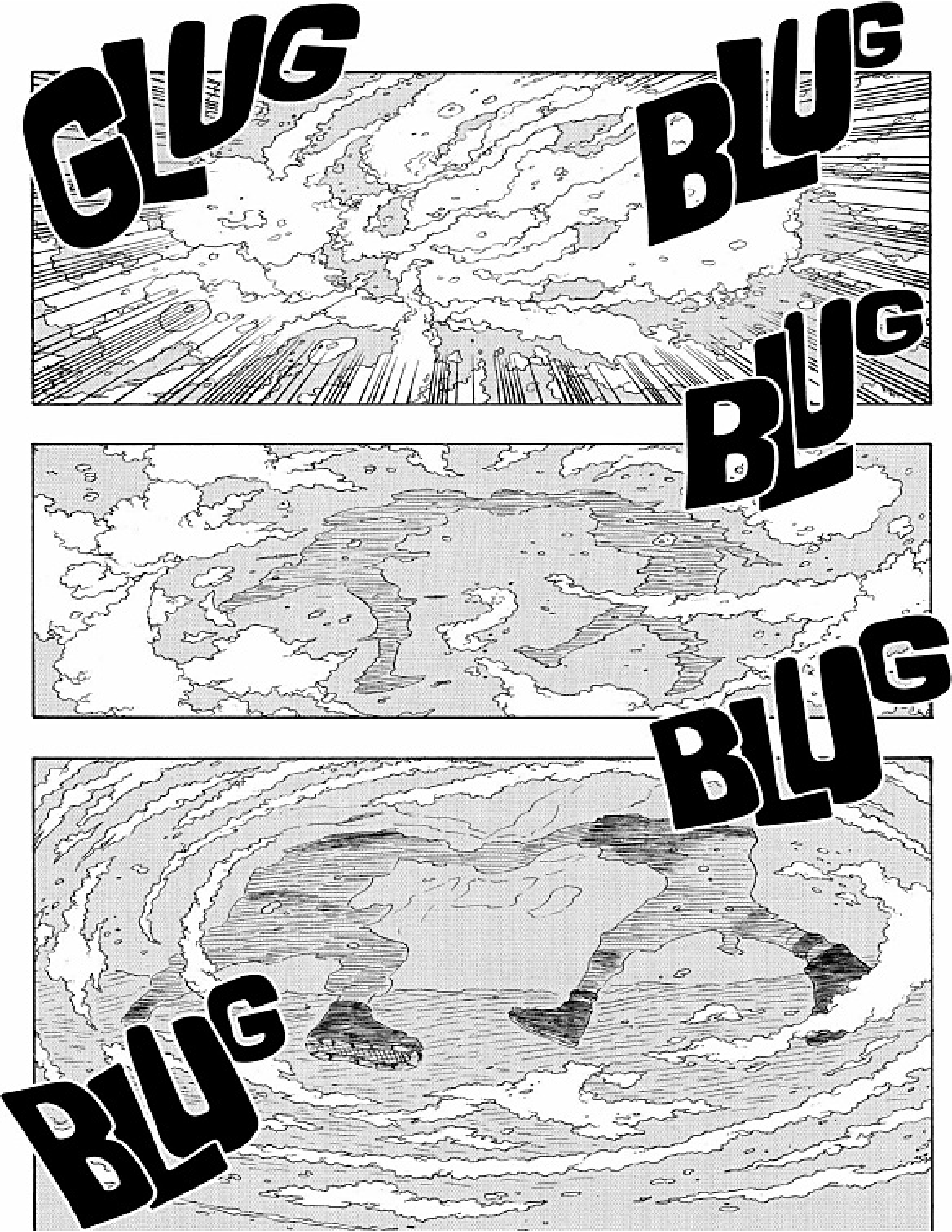


KAGE-BUNSHIN NO JUTSU! ART OF THE SHADOW DOPPELGANGER!!
BOOF
SPAK
RRRUMBLE
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
RASENGAN!!
WHIR——RR

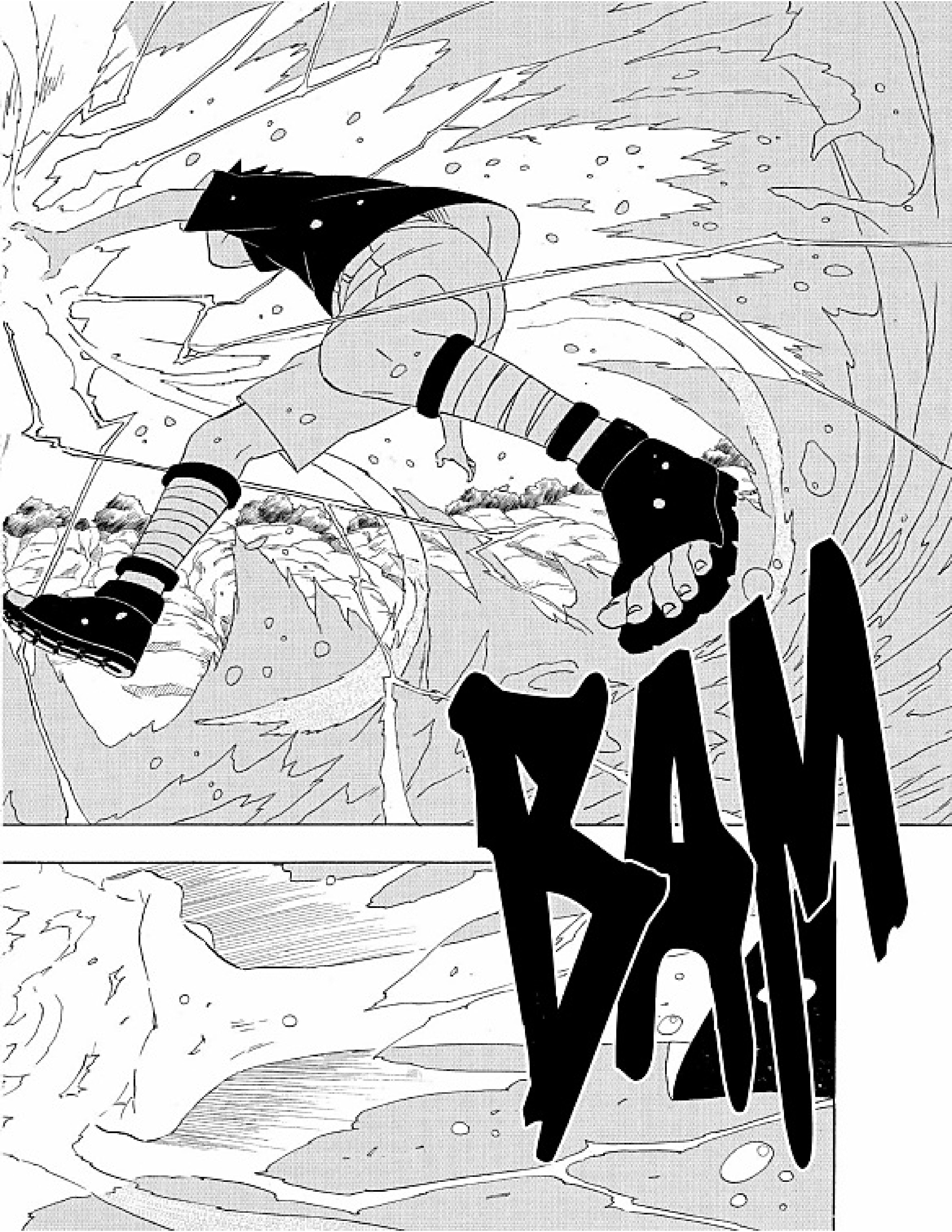

SPAK SPAK
CHARGE!!
SPAK SPAK
CHUF
SPLOSH
EYAAAH!!
TUG
FWUMP

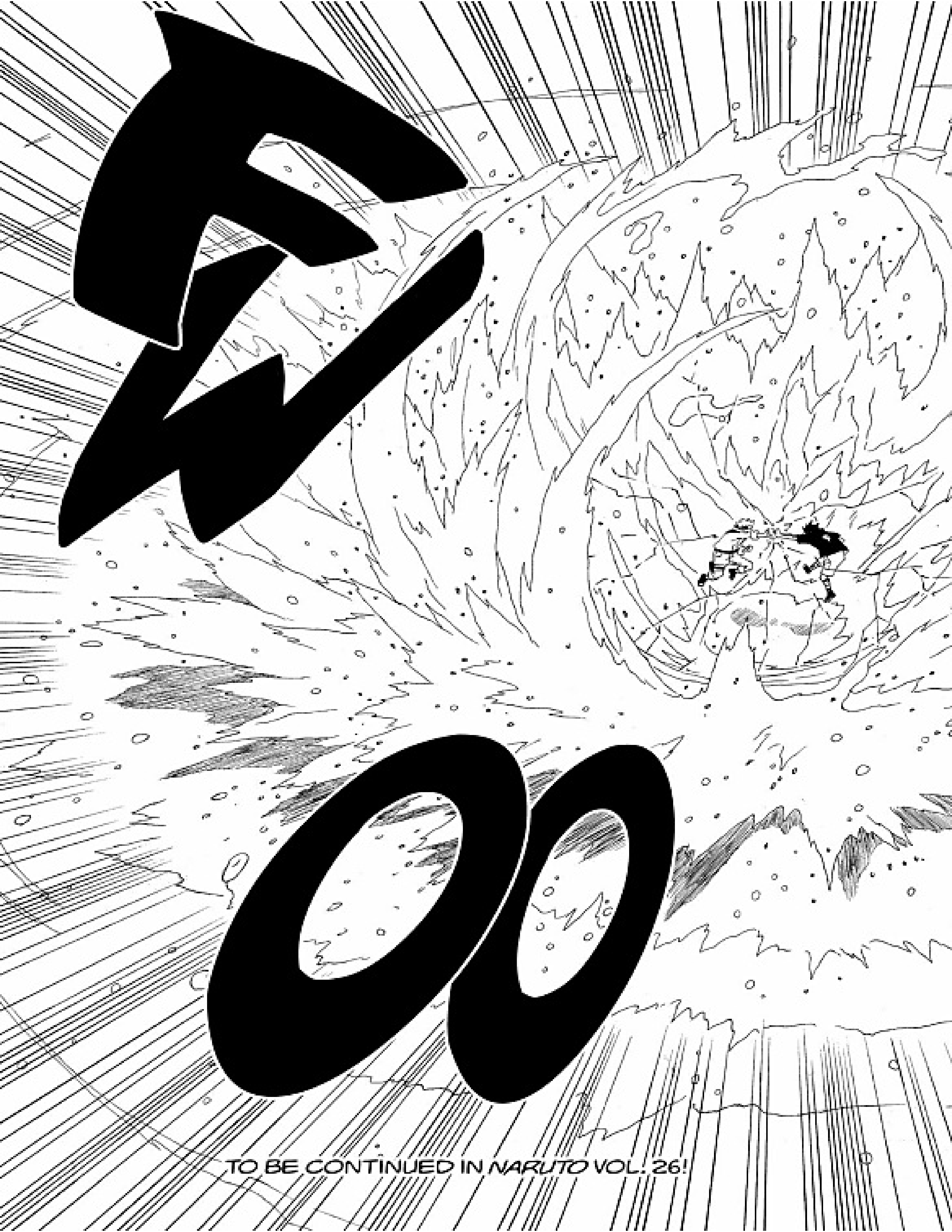

READ
THIS
WAY




GLUG
BLUG
BLUG
BLUG
BLUG


KA


BAM


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